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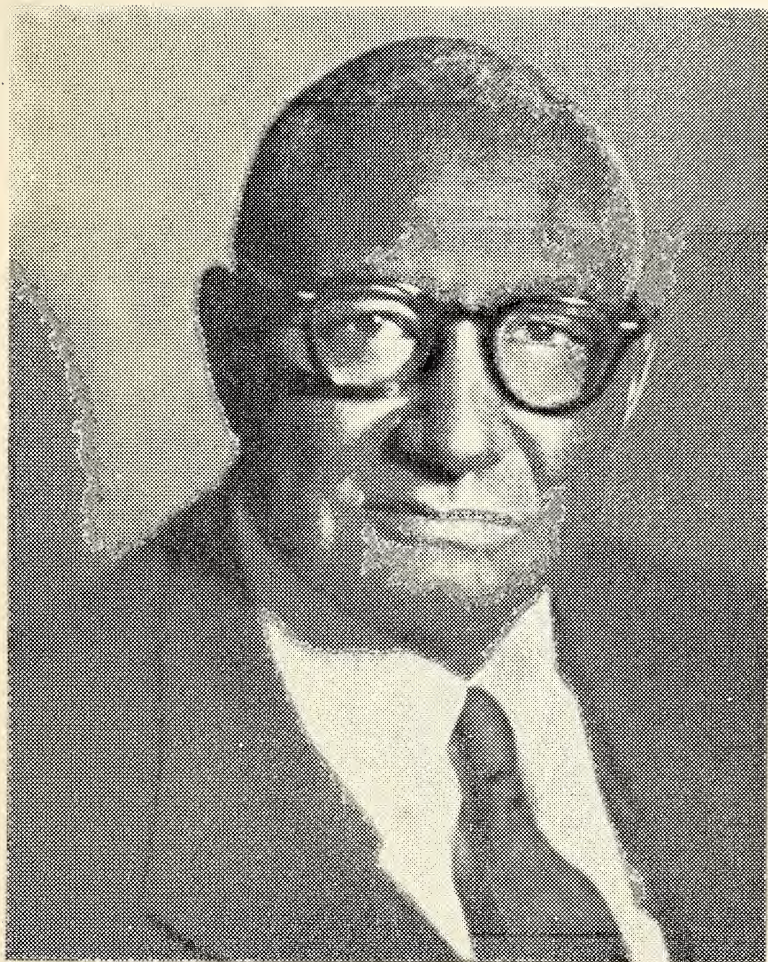
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Lake Charles District, Dr. O. V. Cooper, Lay Leader; George Cooper, Roy Rushin, Walter Gowdy, William Chaney, Associate Lay Leaders.

New Orleans District, Oscar Jamison, Lay Leader; J. E. Johnson, James Carney, John A. Edwards, Monroe T. Stringer, Jr., Oliver Brown, Associate Lay Leaders.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

THE METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 18th 1954

At a regular constituted meeting held by the Conference Board of Lay Activities, together with the District Superintendents who could attend, the following Laymen were nominated and elected for The Conference approval. Namely:

Lay Leader, Mr. J. R. Patterson.
Vice Lay Leader, Dr. O. V. Cooper.
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Chaplain, Mr. John Edwards.

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Franklin District: District Lay Leader; Mr. G. H. Charles, Associate Lay Leaders, Mr. Raymond Pinkston, Mr. Adam Carlson, Mr. C. L. Franklin, Mr. Thomas False.

Lake Charles District: District Lay Leader; Dr. O. V. Cooper, Associate Lay Leaders, Mr. George Cooper, Mr. Roy Rushin, Mr. Walter Gowdy, Mr. William Chaney.

New Orleans District: District Lay Leader; Mr. Oscar Jamison, Associate Lay Leaders, Mr. J. E. Johnson, Mr. James Carney, Mr. John A. Edwards, Mr. Monroe T. Stringer, Jr., Mr. Oliver Brown.

Shreveport District: District Lay Leader; Mr. R. A. Thomas, Associate Lay Leaders, Mr. Walter Mines, Mr. A. M. Johnson, Mr. Fletcher Brown.

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Johnson, James	Williams, N. P.
Johnson, J. F.	Willis, W. H.
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Chinn, Walter Scott	Jackson, S. J.
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Davis, R. M.	Landry, Chas. C.
Freeman, Ephraim	Robinson, A. P.
Gaines, Kelso	Robinson, Wm. M.
Hampton, W. J.	Smith Christopher C.
Harris, A. B.	Thomas, Frank J.
Hayward, G. C.	Williams, J. A.
Haywood, W. C.	

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Barze, Syprian
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Bowie, Taft
Branch, B. T.
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Franklin, C. L.
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Haynes, B. J.
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Lockhart, David
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McCoy, Isaiah
Murray, R. S.
Poledore, Miller
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Jordan	Mr. John Henry Brown	4972 Ford St., Baton Rouge, La.
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Lutcher Ct.	Mrs. Nettie Tureaud	Paulina, La.
Morgan City Ct.	Mrs. Selma Pinkston	Berwick, La.
Napoleonville Ct.	Mr. Lawrence Southall	Napoleonville, La.
New Iberia	Mr. Scott Obee	New Iberia, La.
Olivia Ct.	Mr. Henry Wise	Jeanerette, La.
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	Mrs. Elvia Christian	Cottonport, La.
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	Louis Harry	Angie, La.
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	Mrs. Lucy D. Walker	2013 Iberville St., N. O., La.
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Haven	Mrs. Sarah Williams	3005 Audubon St., N. O., La.
	Mrs. Olevia Populas	1134 S. Galvez St., N. O., La.
Kenner-Ross	Mrs. Sarah Green	Kenner, La.
	Mrs. Celestine Carr	P. O. Box 314, Harahan, La.
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	Meredith Tillman	Mandeville, La.

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Bastrop		
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Lawson Chapel	Mrs. Mary Williams	Box 204, Wilmont, Ark.
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Corinth	Mrs. Bertha Sudds	Rt. 1, Box 43, Mansfield, La.
Robinson Chapel	Mr. Wm. Ellis	1924 Alston St., Shreveport, La.
Keithville Ct.		
McDonald	Wesley Jacobs	Rt. 2, Keithville, La.
Fairview	Mack Smalley, Sr.	Rt. 1, Box 78, Keithville, La.
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Logansport Ct.		
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Mansfield		
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III.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

MORNING SESSION

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1954
 10:00 A. M.—12:00 Noon
 1:00 P. M.—5:00 P. M.

After the singing of hymns, prayer, and announcements, the boards, commissions, and committees were called to meet during these hours.

EVENING SESSION
 8:30 P. M.

The program of welcome rendered by the local church was followed by a reception tendered Bishop and Mrs. Willis J. King on behalf of the Conference, in the Mt. Zion Assembly Hall.

MORNING SESSION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1954
 9:00—11:30 A. M.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE—Bishop Willis J. King, assisted by the District Superintendents and the Host Pastor. The Communion Meditation was delivered by Bishop Willis J. King.

OFFERING—\$159.67, to be donated to the Native Pastor's Fund, Liberia, West Africa.

NUMBER COMMUNED—601.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1954
 11:30—12:30

The Sixteenth Session (87th session since organization) of the Louisiana Annual Conference opened at New Orleans, Louisiana, with Bishop Willis J. King, presiding.

ROLL CALL: The Secretary, G. W. Carter, called the roll.

LEGAL LIMITS: On motion by G. W. Carter, seconded by T. E. McElroy, the legal limits were set at the second window.

POSTMASTER: W. D. Martin was elected postmaster for the conference sessions, on motion by N. P. Perry, seconded by C. O. Greene.

GENERAL REPORTER TO THE PRESS: W. T. Handy, Sr., was elected on motion by N. P. Perry, properly seconded.

PRECENTER ELECTED: On motion of T. R. W. Harris, properly seconded, C. T. Wardah was elected Precenter and named the following as his assistants: E. A. Mays, N. P. Perry, R. W. Calvin, pianist.

COMMITTEE ON JOURNAL: On motion of G. W. Carter, properly seconded, the following were elected as members of the Committee on Journal: C. O. Greene, T. R. Albert, Dr. O. V. Cooper.

ASSISTANTS TO TREASURER: On motion by W. C. Haywood, properly seconded, the following were elected Assistants to the Treasurer: L. A. Lester, W. R. London, Jr., S. W. Walker, Mrs. A. Pinkston, Mrs. Chaney Prevost.

ASSISTANTS TO STATISTICIAN: On motion of W. H. Davis, properly seconded, the following were named Assistants to the Statistician: E. L. Berry, S. P. Sanford, Zack Smalley, Jefferson Welton, Mrs. V. D. Porterfield, Miss Thelma Lewis, Miss Dorothea Brown, Miss Geneva Woodard.

ASSISTANTS TO SECRETARY: On motion of G. W. Carter, the following were named Assistants to the Secretary: J. C. Bibbons, W. H. Willis, Mrs. F. C. Badgett. Mrs. Helen M. Keys, Secretary to Bishop King, assisted with recording the business sessions.

COMMENTS: The Secretary read a letter from Rev. R. M. Davis, retired minister now living in Los Angeles, California, in which he suggested that Methodists who move to Los Angeles from this area be given his name that he may help them locate in a church there. The Secretary was asked to send an appropriate reply to Rev. Davis.

Rev. E. A. Mays moved that the printed program be accepted as official. Motion seconded and carried.

Rev. N. P. Perry moved that a Committee on Courtesies be appointed. This was approved.

MESSAGES RECEIVED: Telegrams from Rev. Hubbard Daniels regarding the death of his sister, and Chaplain Augustus G. Spears who wanted to be remembered to the Conference. A letter was presented from Dr. D. Stewart Patterson giving the names of members of the Conference serving as chaplains.

PRESENTATION OF VISITORS: Bishop King presented Dr. W. L. Duren, retired minister of the Louisiana Conference, South Central Jurisdiction, who presented to Bishop King a copy of the memoirs of Reverend Melville B. Cox, first missionary to Liberia; and Dr. A. M. Serex, Pastor, Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, the Louisiana Conference.

12:30 — 1:30

MEMORIAL SERVICE

J. D. McCrory, Presiding

The Conference stood in honor of Bishop Robert N. Brooks, who died during the Conference Year. Hymns No. 240, No. 276.

ROLL OF THE DECEASED: J. C. Coleman, B. R. Jackson, S. C. Walker.

PRAYER: Rev. W. T. Handy, Jr.

SCRIPTURE: St. John 14:1-6—Rev. J. D. McCrory.

SERMON: Rev. Robert S. Taylor, St. James Church, Monroe, Louisiana. Text: "And they shall come from the east and from the west; from the north and from the south, and shall sit in the Kingdom of God."

MEMORIAL TO DEPARTED LAY MEMBERS: Mr. J. R. Patterson, Lay Leader.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION: Rev. W. H. Davis.

AFTERNOON SESSION**3:00 P. M.**

DEVOTIONS: G. E. Zilton, Presiding.

HYMNS: No. 4, No. 244.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

PRAYER: Rev. J. S. Dickson.

CONFERENCE BUSINESS RESUMED

Mrs. F. C. Badgett presented a check from the Methodist Publishing House in the amount of \$1,871.22, to be credited to Conference Claimants.

QUESTIONS: 6. What are the reports of the District Superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? (See reports).

PASSAGE OF CHARACTERS: The characters of the ministers and district superintendents of the several districts were passed by vote of the Conference.

EVENING SESSION**8:00 P. M.****REV. C. T. WETHERS, Presiding**

DEVOTIONS: Rev. O. W. Christopher, Rev. L. A. Lester.

CHOIRS: Trinity, Haven, Williams Methodist Churches.

SERMON: Dr. D. H. Stanton, Secretary, American Bible Society.
Offering, Announcements, Introductions, Benediction.**MORNING SESSION****THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1954****9:00 — 11:15 A. M.****BISHOP WILLIS J. KING, Presiding**

DEVOTIONS: Revs. W. T. Handy, Jr., Roger Transpers.

HYMNS:

SCRIPTURE:

PRAYER:

CONFERENCE BUSINESS**QUESTIONS:**

18. Who are the approved supply pastors? King Alexander, F. L. Bailey, Walter Barabin, Syprian Barze, E. L. Berry, Taft Bowie, B. T. Branch, B. F. Brown, A. W. Bryant, Eddie Carter Paul Davis, Jr., E. L. Dotson, Ameal Ennis, Sandy Facen, Welman Frank, Adam Franklin, C. L. Franklin, D. T. Gipson, Charles Green, R. M. Harris, P. H. Hayes, B. J. Haynes, L. C. Jennings, David Lockhart, A. D. McCoy, Isaiah McCoy, R. S. Murray, Miller Poledore, O. J. D. Rainey, B. J. Reddix, Henry Rhyan, E. J. Rollins, S. P. Sanford, James Smith, James Suds, William Tate, Samuel Taylor, F. G. Thomas, J. W. Washington,

J. L. Wesley, A. L. White, Freddie White, H. K. White, A. M. Williams, L. A. Williams, Bishop King read Paragraph 323 of the Discipline and stated that the supply pastors should make up their minds either to qualify or step out. He explained the purpose and function of the Three-Weeks Pastors School and the Ten Weeks Pastors School. The list was approved on motion by R. D. Hill, properly seconded.

19. What approved supply pastors now under full-time appointment are taking the Conference course of study: (a) In the first year? A. W. Bryant, Paul Davis, Jr., Henry Dotson, Ameal Ennis, Welman Frank, Adam Franklin, E. T. Gipson, L. C. Jennings, Allen Johnson, R. S. Murray, B. J. Reddix, Edward Sudds, William Tate, Samuel Taylor, Freddie White.

(b) In the second year? Walter Barabin, Syprian Barze, E. L. Simmons, H. K. White, A. M. Williams. (c) In the third year? King Alexander, Taft Bowie, B. T. Branch, Eddie Carter, Henry Drake, Sandy Facen, R. M. Harris, P. H. Hayes, David Lockhart, Isaiah McCoy, O. J. D. Rainey. (3) In the fourth year? E. L. Dotson, C. L. Franklin, James Smith. This list was approved on motion of R. D. Hill.

20. What approved supply pastors are credited with annuity claim on account of full-time service during the past year?

Alexander, King	4th year	Jennings, L. C.	2nd year
Bailey, F. L.		Lockhart, David	5th year
Barabin, Walter	3rd year	Murray, R. S.	2nd year
Barze, Syprian	3rd year	McCoy, A. J.	4th year
Berry, E. L.	Completed	McCoy, Isaiah	4th year
Bowie, Taft	4th year	Poledore, Miller	Completed
Branch, B. T.	4th year	Rhyan, H. J.	Completed
Bryant, A. W.	1st year	Rollins, E. J.	2nd year
Brown, B. F.	Retired	Reddix, B. J.	1st year
Carter, Eddie	4th year	Rainey, O. J. D.	4th year
Dotson, E. L.	5th year	Smith, James	5th year
Davis, Paul	2nd year	Sanford, S. P.	Completed
Drake, Henry	4th year	Sudds, James	Completed
Ennis, Ameal D.	2nd year	Tate, William	2nd year
Facen, Sandy	4th year	Thomas, F. G.	4th year
Franklin, C. L.	5th year	Taylor, Samuel	2nd year
Franklin, Adam	2nd year	Wesley, J. L.	Completed
Frank, Welman	1st year	White, A. L.	Completed
Gipson, E. T.	1st year	White, Freddie	1st year
Green, C. H.	Completed	White, H. K.	3rd year
Haynes, B. J.	Completed	Williams, L. A.	Completed
Hayes, P. H.	4th year	Williams, Albert	3rd year
Harris, R. M.	4th year		

21. What preachers, coming from other churches, have had their orders recognized: As local deacons? None. As local elders? None.

22. Who have been received from other churches as traveling preachers? (a) As members on trial: Deacons? None. Elders? None. (b) As members in full connection: Deacons? None. Elders? None.

25. Who on trial are discontinued? None.

26. Who are admitted into full connection? None. Bishop King discussed the importance of recruiting new men who will maintain the standards of the Conference.

27. What full members are in studies: (a) Of the third year?

None. (b) Of the fourth year? Wilbert August, Lloyd Honore, Ellis Slater, Roger Transpers, Samuel W. Walker, Nathaniel Williams. The Louisiana Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualification has arranged to give special assignments to the men listed above who did not complete their studies because of the closing of the Three-Weeks Pastors' School at Gulfside after a week of operation. They will receive credit for the work if the assignment is completed. The men involved are Ellis Slater, Samuel Walker, Nathaniel Williams. Question No. 27 approved.

28. What full members have failed to complete the studies? (a) Of the third year? Max R. Butler. (b) Of the fourth year? Lloyd C. Honore, who is attending the University of Southern California. No. 28 approved.

29. What full members have completed the studies of the fourth year? Arthur A. Robinson, Jr. He is graduating from Gammon, and will be graduated under the Seminary Rule. No. 29 passed.

30. Who have been elected deacons: (a) As local preachers? None. (b) As members on trial in the course of study? None. (c) Under the seminary rule? None. (d) Under the missionary rule? None.

31. Who have been ordained deacons? None.

32. Who have been elected elders: (a) As local preachers? None. (b) As local deacons who have been received on trial? None. (c) As Conference members in the course of study? Wilbert C. August. (d) Under the seminary rule? Arthur A. Robinson, Jr. (e) Under the missionary rule? None. No. 32 approved.

33. Who have been ordained elders? Wilbert C. August, Arthur A. Robinson, Jr. No. 33 passed.

34. Relative to accommodation transfers for ordination and reception: (a) What members of this Conference have been transferred out for purposes of ordination only? (1) As deacons? None. (2) As elders? None. (b) Who have been transferred in, having been ordained elsewhere:

(1) As deacons? None. (2) As elders? None.

35. Who are readmitted: As deacons? None. (2) As elders? None.

36. Who have been received by transfer? A. L. Hook. Lexington Conference, August, 1953. He is now assigned to the Sager-Brown Home, and expressed his delight in being in the Louisiana Conference.

37. Who have been transferred out? None.

38. Who have had their Conference membership terminated? None.

39. (a) What ministerial members have died during the year? J. C. Coleman, B. R. Jackson, S. C. Walker, (b) What deaconesses have died during the year? None.

40. Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? None.

Hymn No. 284 was sung.

INTRODUCTIONS: Bishop King presented Bishop Robert E. Jones, who expressed his approval of the stand the Conference has taken toward having its ministers meet the educational requirements of the church. He discussed the recent ruling of the Supreme Court regarding segregation in public schools, and asked the ministers to recognize

the fact that Negroes will now have to come up to standard. He then discussed Gulfside and its program for the 1954 season.

Dr. J. A. Engle, of the Board of Missions, expressed his interest in brotherhood, the development of human personality, and the rights of men.

Dr. J. W. Golden, of the Board of Evangelism, stressed the need for recruits and the function of his Board in this area.

Dr. Harmon W. Brown, of the Board of Pensions, expressed his delight at being assigned to cover the Louisiana Conference.

Dr. M. T. J. Howard stated that he hopes the Conference will face its challenge.

Rev. Arthur A. Robinson, Jr. expressed his determination to serve well in the ministry.

11:30 A. M.

THE NOONDAY MESSAGE was delivered by Dr. D. H. Stanton. Hymn No. 283.

REMARKS: Bishop Willis J. King.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

BENEDICTION: Bishop Robert E. Jones.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 P. M.

BOARD OF MISSIONS ANNIVERSARY.

DEVOTIONS: Rev. C. T. Wardah, Rev. A. M. Taylor.

Hymns No. 381, No. 482.

ADDRESS: Dr. J. A. Engle, of the Board of Missions, on "The Christian Church," an illustrated lecture with slides taken in Puerto Rico, describing the work made possible by the Week of Dedication offerings. He asked that each church in the Conference give \$15.00 to pay for a jeep to be used by ministers in covering rural territories in Puerto Rico. The Conference pledged its support.

Hymn No. 244.

Rev. R. M. Brown, Chairman, suggested the appointment of a special person whose duty it would be to promote the building of churches and congregations in rural areas.

EVENING SESSION

8:00 P. M.

REV. T. R. W. HARRIS, Presiding

DEVOTIONS: Rev. E. J. Wise, Rev. John McCallum.

CHOIRS: First Street, Peck, Wesley Methodist Churches.

FLINT-GOODRIDGE HOSPITAL

ADDRESS: Mr. C. C. Weil, Superintendent.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM ANNIVERSARY: Rev. R. W. Calvin, Presiding.

ADDRESS: Dr. J. W. Golden, Associate Secretary, General Board of Evangelism.

Offering, Announcements, Introductions, Benediction.

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1954

MORNING SESSION

9:00 — 12:00 A. M.

DEVOTIONS: Revs. J. W. Wilson, Nathaniel P. Williams.

Hymn Nos. 213 and 479.

PRAYER.

SCRIPTURE (Paul 1:1-16).

BUSINESS SESSION

Report of the Committee on Journal was made by Mr. J. R. Patterson, and the minutes as recorded to date were adopted by the Conference.

QUESTIONS:

23. Who are received on trial: In studies of the first year? Donald Frank, Richard Harry, Mose Pleasure, Jr., Edgar Smith (b) In studies of the third year under the seminary rule? None. (c) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? None.

Bishop King explained the meaning of "on trial," and stated that whenever men can be placed to make it possible for them to continue their work in college, this will be done; however, the men are expected to follow through. The men were questioned by Bishop King and received by the Conference.

41. Who are granted Sabbatical leave? The name of Rev. Jeffery C. Bibbons was presented, with the recommendation of the committee that Sabbatical leave be granted. This was approved by the Conference.

42. What ministers have been retired: (a) This year? Jesse David, Kelso Gaines, William C. Haywood. (b) Previously? H. B. F. Charles, Walter Scott Chinn, R. M. Davis, Ephraim Freeman, W. J. Hampton, A. B. Harris, G. C. Hayward, E. L. Jackson, S. J. Jackson, Wm. M. Jarrell, Charles C. Landry, A. P. Robinson, William M. Robinson, Christopher C. Smith, Frank J. Thomas, J. A. Williams.

Their retirement was approved by the Conference. Reverends David and Gaines were absent. Rev. W. C. Haywood was presented to the Conference and made a brief statement in appreciation of the cooperation he has received over the years. Bishop King made an appropriate response.

The list of persons previously retired was read and those present were given an opportunity to speak. The following expressed their sentiments regarding their association with and participation in the work of the ministry; A. P. Robinson, Wm. M. Jarrell, J. A. Williams, H. B. F. Charles, C. C. Smith and Walter Scott Chinn, who read his annual report to the Conference. The characters of these retired men were approved.

43. What approved supply pastors have been retired: (a) This year? None. (b) Previously? B. F. Brown, Alfred Hall. Rev. B. F. Brown was present and expressed his appreciation for his connection with the Conference from 1932 to 1951. The characters of these supply pastors were approved.

44. Who are left without appointment to attend school? Donald Frank, Lloyd Honore, Edward A. Kennedy, W. W. Sartor. The characters of these men were approved.

45. What is the number of (a) Pastoral charges? 109. Approved supply pastors? 45. Received on trial? 4. Transfers in? 1. Deceased? 3. (b) Ministers: (1) On trial: As pastors? 3. Left without appointment to attend school? 2. (2) In full connection: (a) Effective: (i) As pastors and district superintendents, 65. (ii) Under special appointment, 3. (iii) Left without appointment to attend school, 2. (iv) On Sabbatical leave, 1. Total effective, 71. (b) Retired? 19. (c) Total of all ministers, 95.

46. What other personal notation should be made?
(See reports of commissions on World Service and World Peace).

47. What is the report of the Conference treasurer? See report.

48. What is the report of the Conference statistician? See report.

49. What are the detailed objectives of this Conference for the coming year? See report of commissions on World Service and World Peace.

50. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

Rev. N. H. Baker arose to invite the Conference to St. James Church, Shreveport, Louisiana. Rev. J. C. Calvin, the pastor, also extended an invitation to the Conference to meet in this church. Rev. W. Scott Chinn moved that the Conference go to Shreveport in July or August of this year to stage a rally to assist in paying its debt, which has been reduced from \$70,000.00 to \$48,000.00. The motion was seconded. The District Superintendent and Pastor were asked to work out the details. See "Question of Privilege" signed by E. A. Mays and report submitted by N. H. Baker and J. C. Calvin.

12. What are the reports, recommendations, and plans of the boards of the Conference: (a) What is the report of the Board of Conference Claimants, and what appropriations for conference claimants are reported and approved? (See report). Rev. C. O. Greene presented a check submitted by Mr. L. M. Johnson of the Baton Rouge District for \$1,000.00 raised for the Reserve Pension Plan. Bishop King expressed the thanks of the Conference to the laymen of the Baton Rouge District, with the hope that other laymen will do likewise. (b) What is the report of the Conference Board of Missions of disbursements of missionary aid within the Conference? (See report). (c) What are the other reports? (See reports).

Rev. R. W. Calvin made his annual report on the work of the People's Community Center, which was approved by the Conference.

Rev. C. O. Greene read the report on the Lafon Old Folks Home, in which he suggested that financial assistance should come from the Conference through the Golden Cross Society as provided by the Discipline. After considerable discussion on the charter the lack of support for the Home by the Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes, and the relationship of the Lafon Old Folks Home to the Louisiana Conference, Rev. Chinn moved that the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Louis-

iana Annual Conference study the charter and report to the Conference before it closes. The motion was seconded and carried.

The report of the Board of Temperance was given by Rev. J. F. Johnson, Chairman. (See report). His request for funds with which to send an additional delegate to the meeting of the Board of Temperance this year was denied.

The report of the Board of Lay Activities was read by Mr. J. R. Patterson. (See report). The report was approved on motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. James Carney. Mr. Patterson then spoke for one minute to mention the fact that the Board of Lay Activities has bought for the Conference three district parsonages: One at Shreveport, one at Baton Rouge, and one at New Orleans. Regarding adequate support for the ministry, he urged that an allotment of 4% for this purpose be adopted by the church, using the envelope system and pledges.

The report of the Board of Evangelism was read by Rev. R. W. Calvin and approved by the Conference. (See report).

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS: Bishop King introduced Mr. J. H. Touchstone, of the General Board of Lay Activities, who spoke a word of greeting, and Rev. William Ferguson, representing the Board of Temperance, who also spoke a word of greeting.

FRIDAY—12:15

DEVOTIONS: Rev. J. W. Wilson, Rev. N. P. Williams.

BUSINESS SESSION:

ADDRESS: Bishop Willis J. King, Presiding.

AFTERNOON SESSION

FRIDAY—3:00

DEVOTIONS: Bro. James Carney, Bro. M. T. Stringer.

BUSINESS SESSION:

BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES ANNIVERSARY. Mr. J. R. Patterson, Presiding.

METHODIST MEN: Mr. J. E. Hines, Speaker.

STEWARDSHIP: Mr. Oliver Brown, Speaker.

BOARD OF TEMPERANCE ANNIVERSARY: Rev. J. F. Johnson, Presiding.

ADDRESS: Rev. William Ferguson, Associate Secretary, Board of Temperance.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Rev. T. R. Albert, presiding.

ADDRESS—"Ministerial Recruiting": Rev. Harold Ewing, Board of Education, the Methodist Church.

Offering, Announcements, Introductions, Benediction.

FRIDAY EVENING
8:00 P. M.

MARION JACKSON DOWNS, LYRIC SOPRANO

Presented in concert by
Ministers' Wives Association—Benefit of Reserve Pension Fund.

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1954

MORNING SESSION
9:00 — 11:45

DEVOTIONS: Revs. S. W. Walker, S. G. Reed.

HYMNS No. 346, 198, 372.

PRAYER: Rev. S. G. Reed.

SCRIPTURE (Matthew 25:31): Rev. S. W. Walker.

BUSINESS SESSION

Bishop King Presiding

The report of the Committee on the Journal was made by Rev. T. R. Albert to the effect that the minutes had been examined and found correct. On his motion the minutes were adopted.

Rev. W. T. Handy, Sr., announced that Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin, wanting to do something to show their esteem for our Bishop, had sent a bouquet of yellow roses to be presented to Bishop and Mrs. King. The presentation was made by Mrs. S. Barze, with response by Mrs. King. The flowers were placed on the altar.

Rev. T. R. Albert moved that a telegram of greeting be sent to Bishop A. P. Shaw and the West Texas Conference. Motion was seconded by C. T. Wardah and carried. Telegram was drafted by the Secretary and sent.

Rev. W. Scott Chinn presented a resolution regarding the duties of the Nominating Committee. There was a discussion as to whether this resolution would curtail the nominating powers of the regular cabinet. Rev. Calvin moved that the adoption of the resolution be tabled for further study. Motion was seconded by Rev. Handy, Sr., and carried. Bishop King asked that Rev. Chinn, Rev. Perry, and Rev. Calvin get together and re-phrase the resolution. (See reports).

QUESTION:

12. (c) What is the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance. (See report).

The report of the Commission on World Service and Finance was read by Rev. W. T. Handy, Sr., after copies were distributed to the members of the Conference. It was moved that consideration of the part of the report relative to the Reserve Pension Fund be deferred until this report has been made. Motion carried and approved.

Rev. Handy moved the adoption of the budget, seconded by Max Butler. An unreadiness was presented by J. F. Johnson, who asked why the allotment for the Board of Temperance had been eliminated. After much discussion, Rev. Johnson moved that the \$40.00 be reinserted. Motion was seconded by Rev. Calvin and approved.

Rev. Chinn moved that the report be adopted sera atim. This was seconded and carried:

1. General Administration. No vote needed.
2. Area Administration. Approved.
3. Conference Administration. Approved with addition of the \$40.00 for the Board of Temperance.
4. Benevolences, General. Approved.
Benevolences, Annual Conference.

A discussion was held regarding the use of the Mobile Unit. It was decided that the Area Secretary and Conference Executive Secretaries of Christian Education in the New Orleans Area should develop and carry out a schedule for using the Mobile Unit wherever possible. Approved.

Page 2—Ministerial support items. Approved. Recommendations: Approved, with the exception of No. 3 and No. 8, which were deferred.

Objectives: Approved.

Supplementary statement: Approved.

Recapitulation: Approved.

Page 4—Breakdown. No vote needed.

Advance Specials:

Rev. Handy explained that the Louisiana Conference must pay \$7,500.00 of a \$15,000.00 loan made by the Peoples' Community Center at the rate of \$2,500.00 annually for three years. The General Board will pay the other \$7,500.00. This was approved.

Regarding the \$900.00 allocated for the Liberia Native Pastors' Fund, Rev. Hill suggested that the \$159.67 Communion Collection be added to this amount. Motion was made by Rev. R. W. Calvin, seconded, and carried.

Recommendations: Approved.

Report of Statistician:

Report was read by W. H. Davis; report received on motion by W. H. Davis, seconded by E. L. Berry. (See report).

Report of Treasurer read by W. C. Haywood, on motion of W. C. Haywood and seconded by W. R. London, Jr. Report was received and ordered part of minutes.

Audit of books of Treasurer to be printed in minutes upon receipt from auditors.

SATURDAY, MAY 22nd

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 P. M.

Hymn No. 337.

Rev. J. C. Bibbons moved that the Conference be adjourned to resolve itself into a corporation for the purpose of considering temporal matters. Motion was seconded and carried. The report of the Board of Trustees regarding the Area Residence was read by Rev. Bibbons. (See report).

Rev. Fields asked for an explanation regarding the \$4,045.00 still due Mrs. Brooks. Rev. Handy explained that some years ago the several conferences of the New Orleans Area raised money to build the Lafon Old Folks Home, all of which was not used. The balance was credited to the fund for an Episcopal residence. It was then discovered that more money was needed to complete the Old Folks Home, and \$17,045.00 was borrowed from the Episcopal residence fund, and subsequently repaid to the fund. In April, 1953, the last check in repayment of this loan was received, but it was deposited in the National Bank of Commerce in the Area Fund instead of the Progressive Bank and Trust Company. This amount is now due on the Episcopal residence because before it was discovered that the money was in the Area Fund, the money was disbursed for other items. The \$4,045 will now have to be allocated to the five conferences of the Area so that the indebtedness to Mrs. Brooks can be cleared.

It was also explained that the \$1,800.00 received for rent on the Episcopal residence is to be used by the Board of Trustees for repairs and maintenance.

The report was adopted and corporation resolved on motion of T. E. McElroy.

The business of the Annual Conference was resumed.

On motion by T. E. McElroy, properly seconded, J. C. Calvin was elected Conference Missionary Secretary.

The report of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the special meeting called to discuss the Lafon Old Folks Home was read by Mrs. S. C. Rose. (See report). Rev. Greene's reaction to the report was favorable, and it was adopted on motion by W. T. Handy, Sr., seconded by N. P. Perry.

Rev. W. S. Chinn moved that all committees who have not read their reports will submit them to the Secretary for publication in the Journal. Motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Cabinet will check on the Committee on Publication of the Journal and revise it if necessary.

Rev. E. A. Mays moved that the Conference be adjourned tomorrow after the reading of the appointments and whatever other business that might come before the Conference at that time. Motion was seconded by N. P. Perry, and carried.

SATURDAY NIGHT

ORDINATION SERVICE: Bishop Willis J. King, Presiding.

MT. ZION SANCTUARY CHOIR.

ORDINATION MESSAGE: Dr. Harry V. Richardson, President, Gammon Theological Seminary.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL: Donald Frank. Ordination as Elders: Wilbert C. August, Arthur Robinson, Jr.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNIVERSARY: Rev. E. A. Mays, Presiding.

DEVOTIONS: Rev. William London, Jr., Rev. W. S. P. Norris.

MUSIC: Grace Methodist Church Choir.

ADDRESS: Dr. James S. Thomas, Jr., Associate Director, Section of Secondary and Higher Education of the Board of Education.

MUSIC: Dillard University Choir.

ADDRESS: Dr. Albert W. Dent, President Dillard University.

Offering, Announcements, Introductions, Benediction.

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1954

Dr. W. T. Handy, Presiding
10 O'clock

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Rev. R. D. Hill.

HYMNS No. 164, 179, 248.

INVOCATION: Rev. R. F. Harrington.

OFFERING: Rev. W. T. Handy, Sr., Rev. N. H. Baker, Rev. T. E. McElroy.

HYMN No. 381.

ANTHEM: The Mount Zion Sanctuary Choir

RESPONSIVE READING: No. 586.

SCRIPTURE: (John 9:1-12): Rev. W. T. Handy, Sr.

HYMN No. 180.

PRAYER: Rev. N. H. Baker.

HYMN No. 274.

SERMON: Bishop Willis J. King. Text: John 9:2-3. Subject: God's use of suffering in human life." Bishop King said that suffering reveals God as the personal friend and Savior of all mankind, helps to develop character, makes men more sympathetic, and throws the sufferer back to God.

ANTHEM: The Choir.

HYMN No. 279.

After the worship service, the business of the Conference was resumed. The report of the Committee on Courtesies was read by J. C. Calvin. (See report). Report was adopted on motion by J. C. Calvin, seconded by C. O. Greene.

Rev. N. P. Perry read the following Committee on District Superintendents: W. T. Handy, Jr., O. V. Coover, T. R. Albert, L. M. Johnson, J. F. Johnson, Raymond Pinkston, N. P. Perry, J. R. Patterson, J. E. Brown, Mrs. O. V. Medlock. Rev. Perry also read the following named as Gulfside Trustees: Dr. O. V. Cooper, W. T. Handy, Sr., N. H. Baker.

Bishop King announced to the congregation the retirement of W. C. Haywood, Kelso Gaines, and Jesse David, and presented to Rev. Haywood, the only one present, a Certificate of Retirement and lapel pin.

Bishop King read the list of appointments for the 1954-1955 Conference Year.

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION: Bishop Willis J. King.

IV.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Minutes of the Louisiana Annual Conference held in Mt. Zion Methodist Church, 2700 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans, La., From May 18, 1954, through May 23, 1954. Bishop Willis J. King, presiding.

Part I. Organization and General Business

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium (§ 630 § 3, § 790):
Secretary, George W. Carter, 217 N. Prieur St., New Orleans, La.
Statistician, W. H. Davis, 310 Atchafalaya St., Port Allen, La.
Treasurer, W. C. Haywood, 412 Socrates St., New Orleans, La.
2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? (§ 625). Yes.
3. a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded and in what amount? (§ 637 § 3). W. C. Haywood, \$10,000.00.
b) Have the books of said officers or persons been audited? (§ 637 § 3). In hands of auditors.
4. Have the boards, commissions, or committees been appointed or elected? (§ 630). (Answer Yes or No):
 - a) Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications? Yes.
 - b) Committee on Conference Relations? Yes.
 - c) District Committees on Ministerial Qualifications? Yes.
 - d) Committee of Investigation? Yes.
 - e) District Boards of Location and Building? Yes.
 - f) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference? Yes.
 - g) Conference Commission on World Service and Finance? Yes.
 - h) Town and Country Commission? Yes.
 - i) Conference Deaconess Board? No.
 - j) Conference Board of Missions? Yes.
 - k) Conference Board of Education? Yes.
 - l) Conference Board of Temperance? Yes.
 - m) Conference Board of Lay Activities? Yes.
 - n) Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes? Yes.
 - o) Conference Board of Evangelism? Yes.
 - p) Board of Conference Claimants? Yes.
 - q) Commission on Christian Vocations. Yes.
 - r) Conference Women's Society of Christian Service. Yes.
 - s) Committee on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support? Yes.
 - t) Other committees, commissions, or boards? Yes.
5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept their respective records upon and according to the forms prescribed by the Methodist Church? (§ 637 § 2). Yes.
6. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? (See supplementary report).
7. What is the schedule for minimum support for pastors? (§ 826). Committee previously appointed to study this matter continued. No report made.

8. What is the plan and what are the approved claims for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year? (§§ 801-2) Salary to be set by the District Stewards and Pastors' Council of each District.

9. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of conference claimants? 15% of pastors' cash salary.

10. What are the apportionments transmitted by the Council on World Service and Finance to this conference:

- a) For World Service? \$12,187.34.
- b) For Episcopal Fund? 2% of pastor's cash salary.
- c) For General Administration Fund? \$1,287.00.
- d) For Interdenominational Cooperative Fund? \$448.00.

11. What amount is apportioned to this conference for the Jurisdictional Administration Fund? \$278.00.

12. What are the reports, recommendations, and plans of the boards of the conference:

a) What is the report of the Board of Conference Claimants, and what appropriations for conference claimants are reported and approved? (§ 1623). (See report).

b) What is the report of the Conference Board of Missions of disbursements of missionary aid within the conference? (§§ 1295-99). (See report).

c) What is the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance? (§§ 791-809). (See report).

d) What is the report of the Commission on Christian Vocations? (§ 643). No report.

e) What are the other reports? Board of Education, Lafon Old Folks Home, People's Community Center). (See reports).

13. What Methodist institutions or organizations are approved by the Conference for annuity responsibility? (§ 1618 § 2c 11). Dillard University, Lafon Old Folks Home, Mather Academy, People's Community Center, Sager-Brown Home.

14. What date is determined for Golden Cross enrollment- (§ 1569). May, 1955.

15. a) Who is elected conference lay leader? (§ 1504). J. R. Patterson.

b) What is his report? (See report).

c) Who are elected district and associate district lay leaders? (§ 1509). Baton Rouge: L. M. Johnson, Joseph Davis, McKinley Henderson, Geo. S. Mack, Jordan Haynes; Franklin: G. H. Charles, Raymond Pinkston, Adam Carlson, C. L. Franklin, Thomas False; Lake Charles: Dr. O. V. Cooper, George Cooper, Roy Rushin, Walter Gowdy, William Chaney; New Orleans: Oscar Jamison, J. E. Johnson, James Carney, John A. Edwards, Monroe Stringer; Shreveport: R. A. Thomas, Walter Mines, A. M. Johnson, Fletcher Brown. (Note: First name following name of district is District Lay Leader).

Part II. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations

16. Are all the ministerial members of the Conference blameless in their life and official administration? Yes.

17. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation? (§ 931). LeRoy Fields, J. D. David, L. A. Lester, J. D. McCrory, J. E. Brown. Reserves: C. T. Wardah, J. S. Dickson, Zack Smalley.

18. Who are the approved supply pastors? (§ 315). King Alexander, F. L. Bailey, Walter Barabin, Syprian Barze, E. L. Berry, Taft Bowie, B. T. Branch, B. F. Brown, J. W. Bryant, Eddie Carter, Paul Davis, Jr., E. L. Dotson, Ameal Ennis, Sandy Facen, Welman Frank, Adam Franklin, C. L. Franklin, D. T. Gipson, Charles Green, R. M. Harris, P. H. Hayes, B. J. Haynes, L. C. Jennings, David Lockhart, A. J. McCoy, Isaiah McCoy, R. S. Murray, Miller Poledore, O. J. D. Rainey, B. J. Reddix, Henry Rhyan, E. J. Rollins, S. P. Sanford, James Smith, James Sudds, William Tate, Samuel Taylor, F. G. Thomas, J. W. Washington, J. L. Wesley, A. L. White, Freddie White, H. K. White, A. M. Williams, L. A. Williams. (45). *W. E. H. Fayette, Marshall Wesley, Alexander Hardin*

19. What approved supply pastors now under full-time appointment are taking the Conference course of study: (Arrange list alphabetically)

a) In the first year? J. W. Bryant, Paul Davis, Jr., Henry Dotson, Ameal Ennis, Welman Frank, Adam Franklin, E. T. Gipson, L. C. Jennings, Allen Johnson, R. S. Murray, B. J. Reddix, Edward Sudds, William Tate, Samuel Taylor, Freddie White. (15).

b) In the second year? Walter Barabin, Syprian Barze, E. L. Simmons, H. K. White, A. M. Williams. (5).

c) In the third year? King Alexander, Taft Bowie, B. T. Branch, Eddie Carter, Henry Drake, Sandy Facen, R. M. Harris, P. H. Hayes, David Lockhart, Isaiah McCoy, O. J. D. Rainey. (11).

d) In the fourth year? E. L. Dotson, C. L. Franklin, James Smith. (3).

20. What approved supply pastors are credited with annuity claim on account of full-time service during the past year? (§ 1631). See list on Page 23.

21. What preachers, coming from other churches, have had their orders recognized: (§ 411) As local deacons? None. As local elders? None.

22. Who have been received from other churches as traveling preachers: a) As members on trial: Deacons? None. Elders? None. b) As members in full connection: Deacons? None. Elders? None.

23. Who are received on trial: a) In studies of the first year? Donald Frank, Richard Harry, Mose Pleasure, Jr., Edgar Smith. b) In studies of the third year under the seminary rule? None. c) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? None.

24. Who are continued on trial: a) Continued in studies of the first year? Edward Kennedy. b) Advanced to studies of the second year? None. c) Continued in studies of the second year? None. d) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? None.

25. Who on trial are discontinued? None.

26. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

27. What full members are in studies: a) Of the third year? None. b) Of the fourth year? Wilbert August, Lloyd Honore, Ellis Slater, Roger Transpers, Samuel W. Walker, Nathaniel Williams.

28. What full members have failed to complete the studies (§ 346): a) Of the third year? Max R. Butler b) Of the fourth year? Lloyd C. Honore.

29. What full members have completed the studies of the fourth year? Arthur A. Robinson, Jr.

30. Who have been elected deacons? a) As local preachers? None. b) As members on trial in the course of study? None c) Under the seminary rule? None. d) Under the missionary rule? None.

31. Who have been ordained deacons? None.

32. Who have been elected elders: a) As local preachers? None. b) As local deacons who have been received on trial? None. c) As conference members in the course of study? Wilbert C. August. d) Under the seminary rule? Arthur A. Robinson, Jr. e) Under the missionary rule? None.

33. Who have been ordained elders? Wilbert C. August, Arthur A. Robinson, Jr.

34. Relative to accommodation transfers for ordination and reception: a) What members of the conference have been transferred out for purposes of ordination only: (1) As deacons? None. (2) As elders? None.

b) Who have been transferred in, having been ordained elsewhere: (1) As deacons? None. As elders? None.

c) Who are transferred in, and from what conferences, for purposes of ordination only, such ordination to be voted by this conference: (1) As deacons? None. (2) As elders? None.

d) Who have been ordained here, such ordination having been voted by another conference: (1) As deacons? None. (2) As elders? None.

e) Who have been transferred out, and to what conferences, after ordination: (1) As deacons? None. (2) As elders? None.

f) Who have been received on trial at the request of another conference? None.

g) Who have been transferred out, having been received on trial, and to what conference? None.

h) Who have been transferred in, to be received into full connection after election by another conference? None.

i) Who having been transferred out, having been received into full connection after election by another conference? None.

j) Who on trial have been transferred out, to be received into full connection by another conference? None.

k) Who have been transferred in after having been received into full connection by another conference? None.

35. Who are readmitted: As deacons? None. As elders? None.

36. Who have been received by transfer? A. L. Hook, Lexington Conference, August, 1953.

37. Who have been transferred out? None.

38. Who have had their conference membership terminated: a) By voluntary location? None. b) By involuntary location? None. c) By withdrawal? None. d) By judicial procedure (expelled)? None.

39. a) What ministerial members have died during the year? J. C. Coleman, B. R. Jackson, S. C. Walker. b) What deaconesses have died during the year? None.

40. Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? (§ 365). None.

41. Who are granted sabbatical leave? (§ 364). Jeffery C. Bibbons.

42. What ministers have been retired: a) This year? Jesse D. David, Kelso Gaines, William C. Haywood. b) Previously? H. B. F. Charles, Walter S. Chinn, R. M. Davis, Ephraim Freeman, W. J. Hampton, A. B. Harris, G. C. Hayward, E. L. Jackson, S. J. Jackson, Wm. M. Jarrell, Charles C. Landry, A. P. Robinson, William M. Robinson, Christopher C. Smith, Frank J. Thomas, J. A. Williams. (19).

43. What approved supply pastors have been retired: a) This year? None. b) Previously? B. F. Brown, Alfred Hall.

44. Who are left without appointment to attend school? Donald Frank, Lloyd Honore, Edward A. Kennedy, W. W. Sartor.

45. What is the number of: a) Pastoral charges? 109. Approved supply pastors? 45. Received on trial? 4. Deceased? 3.

b) Ministers: (1) On trial: a) As pastors? 3. (Richard Harry, Mose Pleasure, Jr., Edgar Smith) b) Under special appointment? None. c) Left without appointment to attend school? 2 (Donald Frank, Edward Kennedy). Total on trial? 5.

(2) In full connection: a) Effective (i) As pastors and district superintendents? 65. (ii) Under special appointment? Spears, R. W. Calvin, Mays) 3. (iii) Left without appointment to attend school? Honore, Sartor) 2. (iv) On sabbatical leave? (Bibbons) 1. Total effective? 71. (b) Retired? 19. c) Total of all ministers? 95.

46. What other personal notation should be made?

QUESTION No. 20. What approved supply pastors are credited with annuity claim on account of full-time service during the past year?

Alexander, King	4th year	Jennings, L. C.	2nd year
Barabin, Walter	3rd year	Lockhart, David	5th year
Barze, Syprian	3rd year	Murray, R. S.	2nd year
Bowie, Taft	4th year	McCoy, Isaiah	4th year
Berry, E. L.	Completed	Poledore, Miller	Completed
Branch, B. T.	4th year	Rhyan, H. J.	Completed
Bryant, J. W.	1st year	Rollins, E. J.	2nd year
Brown, B. F.	Retired	Reddix, B. J.	1st year
Carter, Eddie	4th year	Rainey, O. J. D.	4th year
Dotson, E. L.	5th year	Smith, James	5th year
Davis, Paul	2nd year	Sanford, S. P.	Completed
Drake, Henry	4th year	Sudds, James	Completed
Ennis, Emile D.	2nd year	Tate, William	2nd year
Facen, Sandy	4th year	Thomas, F. G.	4th year
Franklin, C. L.	5th year	Taylor, Samuel	2nd year
Franklin, Adam	2nd year	Wesley, J. L.	Completed
Frank, Welman	1st year	White, A. L.	Completed
Gipson, E. T.	1st year	Washington, J. W.	4th year
Green, C. H.	Completed	White, Freddie	1st year
Haynes, B. J.	Completed	White, H. K.	3rd year
Hayes, P. H.	4th year	Williams, L. A.	Completed
Harris, R. M.	4th year	Williams, Albert	3rd year

Part III. Concluding Business

47. What is the report of the conference treasurer? (See report),

48. What is the report of the conference statistician? (See report).

49. What are the detailed objectives of this conference for the coming year? (See reports of Commission on World Service and World Peace).

50. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? St. James Methodist Church, J. C. Calvin, Pastor, 850 Hope Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.

51. Is there any other business? No.

52. What changes have been made in appointments since last Annual Conference session? None.

53. Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year? (SEE LIST OF APPOINTMENTS).

V.

APPOINTMENTS

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

1954-55

LeRoy Fields, District Superintendent, 1226 Dare St., Baton Rouge, La.

Charge	Pastor	Address
Andrew Circuit, Richard Harry Baton Rouge:		
Camphor, Arthur Robinson, Jr., Box 3605,	Baton Rouge, La.	
*Hughes Chapel, Ellis C. Slater, 1041 N. 38th St.,	Baton Rouge, La.	
Neely, L. H. P. Norris, 945 E. Washington St.,	Baton Rouge, La.	
*St. Mark, J. D. McCrory, 149 N. 14th St.,	Baton Rouge, La.	
Wesley, T. R. Albert, 605 France St.,	Baton Rouge, La.	
Clinton Circuit, Garfield Robinson,	Clinton, La.	
Denham Springs Circuit, Edgar Smith,	Denham Springs, La.	
Donaldsonville Circuit, John McCallum, 215 Claiborne St.,	Donaldsonville.	
*Jordan Chapel, Wilbert August,, 4605 Stearn St.,	Baton Rouge, La.	
Lettsworth Circuit, (Isaiah McCoy),	New Roads, La.	
Lobdell Circuit, (Samuel Taylor), 212 W. Grant St,	Baton Rouge, La.	
Maringouin Circuit, (R. M. Harris), Box 78,	Maringouin, La.	
Melville, Circuit, (Adam Franklin),	New Roads, La.	
Norwood Circuit, (C. L. Franklin), R. F. D. 1, Box 38,	Wilson, La.	
*Plaquemine Circuit, T. J. Bridgett, 913 Court St.,	Plaquemine, La.	
Port Allen, W. H. Davis, 310 Atchafalaya St.,	Port Allen, La.	
Rosedale:		
Shiloh Circuit, W. H. Willis, 1250 Louisiana Ave.,	Baton Rouge, La.	
Springfield:		
St. Landry Circuit, (Emile D. Ennis), Box 102,	Greenwell Springs, La.	
St. Peter Circuit, (B. T. Branch) R.F.D. 1, Box 30,	Clinton, La.	
Zachary Circuit, (David Lockhart),	Denham Springs, La.	
District Missionary Secretary—J. D. McCrory.		
District Secretary of Evangelism—L. H. P. Norris.		
District Secretary of Temperance—T. R. Albert.		

FRANKLIN DISTRICT

Rev. T. E. McElroy, District Superintendent
724 Sixth St., Morgan City, La.

Charge	Pastor	Address
Baldwin, A. L. Hooks, Sager Brown Home.	Baldwin, La.	
Charenton (King Alexander), Rt. 1, Box 6,	Jeanerette, La.	
Franklin Circuit, S. J. Thomas, 910 First St.,	Franklin, La.	
Hahnville, (Eddie Carter), 915 Severn Ave.,	New Orleans, La.	
Houma Circuit, Mose Pleasure, 1821 Palmyra St.,	New Orleans, La.	
Jeanerette Circuit, V. S. Byounne, 1401 Railroad Ave.,	Jeanerette, La.	
LaPlace, H. B. F. Charles, 2341 Pauger St.,	New Orleans, La.	
Lutcher Circuit, (H. J. Rhyan)	Lutcher, La.	
Morgan City Circuit, T. E. McElroy, 724 Sixth St.,	Morgan City, La.	
Napoleonville Circuit, Blackman Hall,	Napoleonville, La.	
New Iberia, J. F. Johnson, 549 E. St. Peter St.,	New Iberia, La.	
Olivia Circuit, (Walter Barabin), Rt. 1, Box 87,	Jeanerette, La.	

Patotville, (Miller Poledore), Box 229C, Jeanerette, La.
 St. Martinville Ct., (E. L. Berry), 121 W. Hyacinth St., St. Martinville, La.
 St. Peter Circuit, (L. A. Williams), Jeanerette, La.
 Thibodaux Circuit, A. D. Edwards, 305 E, 7th St., Thibodaux, La.
 Woodlawn, (Peter Hayes), Rt. 2, Box 466, Napoleonville, La.
 District Missionary Secretary—A. D. Edwards.
 District Secretary of Evangelism—V. S. Byounne.
 District Secretary of Temperance—J. F. Johnson.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

R. M. Brown, District Superintendent, 719 So. Main St., Jennings, La.

Charge	Pastor	Address
Alexandria:		
*Newman, W. T. Handy, Jr., 618 Murray St., Alexandria, La.		
Wilton, P. M. Jones, 1516 Turner St., Alexandria, La.		
Boonville-Cheneyville Ct., C. E. Castain, 1615 Hardtner St., Alexandria.		
Boyce Circuit, (C. H. Green), Box 74, Boyce, La.		
*Bunkie Circuit, T. J. Welton, 205 Ebony St., Bunkie, La.		
Campti Circuit, T. H. Sampson, Box 139, Campti, La.		
Cane River Circuit, (James Smith), Rt. 1, Box 218 Washington, La.		
Colfax, (Paul Davis, Jr.), Box 340, Pineville, La.		
Lafayette-Crowley Circuit, W. D. Martin, 513 E. Main St., Lafayette, La.		
Lake Charles-Warren, C. T. Wethers, 521 Franklin St., Lake Charles, La.		
Leesville (To be supplied)		
Magda-Melda Circuit, (Taft Bowie), 2805 Second St., Alexandria, La.		
Natchitoches, Roger Transpers, 704 Fifth St., Natchitoches, La.		
Newtown-Lime Kiln Circuit, (Percy Smith), 2633 Harrison St.,		Alexandria, La.
Opelousas, J. S. Dickson, 601 S. Market St., Opelousas, La.		
Pine Flat, (Albert Williams), 1012 Chaney St., Alexandria, La.		
Pineville, J. C. Williams, Box 369, Pineville, La.		
*Washington Circuit, J. W. Jones, Box 241, Washington, La.		
Welsh Circuit, (S. P. Sanford), 903 King St., Welsh, La.		
District Missionary Secretary—C. T. Wethers.		
District Secretary of Evangelism—C. E. Castain.		
District Secretary of Temperance—W. D. Martin.		

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

W. T. Handy, Sr., District Superintendent, 2021 Louisiana Ave.,

New Orleans, La.

Charge	Pastor	Address
Algiers-Asbury, D. L. Davidson, 1108 Verret St., Algiers, La.		
Angie, A. E. Franklin, Angie, La.		
Bogalusa, O. W. Christopher, 618 Columbia St., Bogalusa, La.		
Brooks, C. O. Greene, 4038 Buchanan St., New Orleans, La.		
First Street, T. R. W. Harris, 2309 Dryades St., New Orleans, La.		
Franklinton, L. A. Lester, Box 386, Franklinton, La.		
Gentilly Mission (S. Barze), 2117 Perdido St., New Orleans, La.		
Grace, G. W. Carter, 217 N. Prieur St., New Orleans, La.		
Gretna, W. C. Haywood, 412 Socrates St., Algiers, La.		
Hartzell, N. P. Williams, 1450 St. Claude Ave., New Orleans, La.		
Haven, F. D. Timmons, 8514 Plum St., New Orleans, La.		
Kenner-Ross, A. M. Taylor, 433 Burdette St., New Orleans, La.		
LaHarpe, C. H. Hayes, 1823 LaHarpe St., New Orleans, La.		

Mandeville, (J. L. Wesley), 9222 Nelson St., New Orleans, La.
 *Mt. Zion, R. D. Hill, 2700 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans, La.
 *Peck, William R. London, Jr., 1912 Duels Ave., New Orleans, La.
 *People's, S. W. Walker, 2001 Simon Bolivar Ave., New Orleans, La.
 Philip Memorial, E. J. Wise, 3430 Broadway, New Orleans, La.
 Saint Philip, Max R. Butler, 3400 Delachaise St., New Orleans, La.
 Shaw Temple, C. D. Small, 2504 St. Anthony St., New Orleans, La.
 Slidell, J. W. Wilson, 544 Brakefield St., Slidell, La.
 Thompson, T. R. Wallace, 1023 St. Roch Ave., New Orleans, La.
 Trinity, N. P. Perry, 1028 Valence St., New Orleans, La.
 Wesley, G. E. Zilton, 2517 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.
 Williams, S. G. Reed, 7512 Pearl St., New Orleans, La.
 District Missionary Secretary—William R. London, Jr.
 District Secretary of Evangelism—F. D. Timmons.
 District Secretary of Temperance—C. O. Greene.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

N. H. Baker, District Superintendent, 1207 Pierre Ave., Shreveport, La.

Bastrop: Mt. Olive, C. T. Wardah, 239 Pruett St., Bastrop, La.
 Washington Circuit, (R. S. Murray), 1605 Desiard St., Monroe, La.
 Belcher, (Lee C. Jennings), Rt. 3, Box 187, Benton, La.
 Bonita, (Sandy Facen), Box 365, Lake Providence, La.
 Grand Bayou Circuit, (James Sudds), Rt. 1, Box 43, Mansfield, La.
 Keithville Circuit, (A. J. McCoy), 400 Christian St., Shreveport, La.
 Lake Providence, James Johnson, Box 741, Lake Providence, La.
 Logansport Circuit, (E. T. Gipson), 5936 Second St., Shreveport, La.
 Longstreet, (F. L. Bailey), 1631 Cox St., Shreveport, La.
 Mansfield Circuit, J. E. Brown, 938 Polk St., Mansfield, La.
 Mansfield-Thomas Circuit, Zack Smalley, 2203 Marion St., Shreveport, La.
 Many Circuit (F. G. Thomas), R. F. D. 1 — Box 58 — Zwolle, La.
 Monroe: St. James, R. S. Taylor, 914 Adams St., Monroe, La.
 St. Paul Circuit, (F. W. Thomas), 3103 Jackson St., Monroe, La.
 Pelican, (Edward Sudds), Rt. 2 — Box 7-D, Mansfield, La.
 Pelican Circuit, (Wm. Tate), Rt. 2 — Box 70-B, Coushatta, La.
 Pleasant Hill Circuit, (J. W. Washington), Box 306, Pleasant Hill, La.
 Robeline Circuit, (H. K. White, Jr.), Rt. 1 — Box 265, Shreveport, La.
 Shreveport: Daniel.

Chapel, (A. J. McCoy), 400 Christian St., Shreveport, La.
 Fairfield, Hubbard Daniels, 5720 Linwood Ave., Shreveport, La.
 Jewella, (B. J. Haynes), 1801 St. Paul St., Shreveport, La.
 Johnson Circuit, (A. L. White, Sr.), 1220 Vaughns St., Shreveport, La.
 Round Grove, (B. F. Brown), 1119 Norma St., Shreveport, La.
 St. James, J. C. Calvin, 850 Hope St., Shreveport, La.
 St. Paul W. S. P. Norris, 1852 Abbie St., Shreveport, La.
 Trenton, (C. C. Smith), Box 133, Mansfield, La.
 Vanceville Circuit, C. J. Harrison, 506 E. 72nd St., Shreveport, La.
 District Missionary Secretary — W. S. P. Norris
 Evangelism — C. J. Harrison
 Temperance — R. S. Taylor

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Chaplain, United States Army—Augustus G. Spears.

Conference Missionary Secretary—J. C. Calvin.

Conference Secretary of Evangelism—R. W. Calvin.

Conference Executive Secretary of Christian Education—E. A. Mayes

Superintendent, Lafon Old Folks Home—C. O. Greene.

Superintendent, People's Community Center—R. W. Calvin.

On Sabbatical Leave—J. C. Bibbons.

Left without appointment to attend school—Warren W. Sartor,
Lloyd C. Honore, Edward A. Kennedy, Donald Frank.

VI.

COMPOSITE REPORTS

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS EREPORTS

Louisiana Conference—1953-1954

REPORT OF THE BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Bishop Willis J. King, Ministers and Laymen of the Conference, and Friends:

I am happy to make this second annual report of the status of our Baton Rouge District in its several aspects. A district of 21 pastors, 11 full active members of the Conference, 1 retired full member, and 9 supply pastors, and a membership of 3,854, with 41 churches.

The welfare of the ministers and their families have been on the whole about average. In the matter of health of ministers and laymen we have had no serious threat of epidemic. The most serious among the ministers was Rev. W. C. August and his family involved in a head-on collision with another car. Serious injuries were sustained by his wife and two of their children, and lesser injuries to their two other children, a sister, and a member of their church. Rev. Garfield Robinson's wife has been in the hospital most of this calendar year at Shreveport, during which time she has gone through a major operation. Rev. B. R. Jackson, a retired minister, after several weeks of serious illness, passed on to his eternal reward last March. Among the laymen of the churches, Wesley had the greatest number of deaths reported for this year, a total of 12.

We have held Promotional Work on the District, a very profitable district conference in which the laymen, W. S. C. Service and MYF had their district programs. We held a District MYF mid-year institute, two sub-districts leadership training institutes, one weekend MYF institute, a daily vacation Bible school workshop, all these being under the supervision of our acting executive secretary, Rev. N. P. Perry, who gave fine cooperation in all the educational activities on the district. In addition to these activities the MYF, WSCS, Laymen, and the Choirs participated in the institutes at Gulfside last summer, and nine bulletins were sent out from the office of district superintendent to pastors and laymen of the district.

The debts are not many on the district. St. Mark owes the building debts to our General Board of \$12,000.00; Port Allen Church, \$3,000.00; Scott Chapel at Lettsworth to local interest about \$2,000.00; and Palmetto Church to local interest, \$200.00. Also Wesley of Baton Rouge, a balance on property purchased, about \$11,000.00.

Andrew Circuit, composed of Beachgrove and Andrew churches are doing better under the pastorate of Rev. Ephraim Freeman. Beachgrove has beautifully painted the interior of its church. Our problem is to get them to pay in full benevolences. We hope they will do so from this year and onward.

Bayou Goula is truly a hard place to get complete cooperation in all aspects of church life. Rev. W. H. Willis has succeeded in paying more of the claims in full this year than was paid last year.

Camphor Memorial is in a favored location in many respects. Its members are blessed economically and intellectually. Dr. Hammonds on his visit there said that this should be the first consideration of the district for developments. Our people need there a modern church plant, consisting of an adequate auditorium and well equipped educational and recreational unit. The main holdback to this development is a lack of the spirit of the people to give adequately out of their incomes. This year they have paid on improvements \$432.40, and added to their building fund \$856.16. Under Rev. L. H. P. Norris all claims are always paid in full.

Hughes, under the leadership of Rev. E. C. Slater, has completed some renovations consisting of extension of the rear end of church, two rest rooms put in, men and ladies rooms, replaced chairs with pews, and painted the interior, also putting new doors at front. The finishing payments in this year amounted to \$227.55.

Jordan is in the midst of preparations to begin on her new church plant, comprising an auditorium and educational unit at a cost of around \$16,000.00. Rev. W. C. August is efficiently leading them in this project. They elect to take care of this project locally with a gift from the Conference of \$1,500.00. They have raised on this project this year \$3,381.79.

Neely, with its pastor, Rev. G. E. Zilton has been working on general improvement of the church building in and outside. Hardwood floors have been laid, new front doors put in the church, and other improvements with painting in and outside. She has been paying in full the claims, but this year she refused to do so.

St. Mark is still going on under the leadership of Rev. J. D. McCrory. They made new the interior of the entire plant, including the parsonage, with paint and varnish, with donated labor, costing \$525.00. They paid on indebtedness \$3,494.94. It was reported in the 4th quarter that the total raised was \$15,125.26.

Wesley is justly proud of her pastor, Rev. T. R. Albert. The city proclaims him as the preacher of the city. Wesley has not been kept so full as she is being kept today. They have an option on an adjoining piece of property to the church last July for \$17,000.00. She has paid over \$6,000.00 on this project and owes only on principal \$11,330.00. She will be in position to put up one of the finest church plants in the Conference if she will follow the course for her own good.

Clinton Circuit is manned by Rev. A. D. Edwards. These two years he has led them in first paying debts of several hundred dollars they owed on construction of the main church of the Circuit, Mt. Zion. They have plastered the interior, installed with fixtures men and ladies rest rooms in the rear of the church. Some renovations were done at Macedonia Church. The immediate need is rebuilding the parsonage. Somehow the claim here lags.

Denham Springs Circuit has a fine opportunity, especially at Robert Chapel, to serve the youth as well as to gather in a large number of adults. A parsonage and educational unit are badly needed in Denham Springs. The church building at St. Luke needs going over badly. Somehow these claims do not go forward and the benevolences are not met in full. Rev. Garfield Robinson is the pastor; as I stated, his wife has gone through a deal of illness.

Donaldsonville, Circuit, comprised of St. Peter in Donaldsonville, and Haven in Darrow, is led by Rev. John M. McCallum, whose wife

is on the chronic ill list, for whom we should continually pray. There is hardly a fair chance for development at Darrow as the population has been, and seems now to be dwindling. St. Peter has a fine set of people, adults and youths, but it is in the midst of Catholics. We don't have many additions. The claims have not been paid in full.

Lettsworth Circuit has as its pastor Rev. Isaiah McCoy under whose leadership in the last two years have greatly improved the church building at New Roads, and some renovation to the parsonage, as a result the people are encouraged. Scott Chapel at Lettsworth has been completely renovated in and outside and enlarged, at a cost of \$400.00. They owe locally about \$2,000.00. Union is not doing much.

Lobdell Circuit is just on record. Nothing much being done since the church was built at Lobdell. Very little attention is given to the claims.

Maringouin Circuit, led by Rev. R. M. Harris, is in a center of fairly good rural population. Our greatest growth has been registered at Greater St. Peter in Maringouin, especially since the church has been renovated.

Melville Circuit has as its pastor, Rev. Adam Franklin, a young man whom we are giving his first experience as a pastor. We hope he may prove worthy of the trust we have put in him. A beautiful church was built at Palmetto, 24x36 feet, at a cost of around \$2,400.00. My last statement I just got from Brother Johnson says they owe a balance of \$200.00. I paid a three year's insurance policy out of the money the Conference gave.

Norwood Circuit has presented a problem in trying to keep them in line with the program of the church. They seem to glory in opposition to the pastor and everybody else. They will not be coaxed into taking care of their claims, nor giving adequate support to their pastor, nor follow his leadership. Rev. C. L. Franklin is the present pastor.

Port Allen Circuit is being developed into a strong charge by Rev. R. M. Brown. Things are being done that indicate good generalship is being given by its leader. A new roof has been put on the parsonage, with other repairs, and in and outside of parsonage painted. A fence is being put around the property. Lightning did a deal of damage to the Port Allen church, all of which has been repaired and paid for. Benevolences are paid in full.

The Rosedale Circuit, under the leadership of Rev. Edgar Smith, has installed gas in the Shiloh Church, and paid for. The Hartzell Church has been repaired and painted, the parsonage screened, and claims paid in full.

The Springfield Circuit is making progress under Rev. Emile D. Ennis, one of our newly appointed supply pastors, who is showing genuine interest and qualities that will assure his success and advancement in the church.

St. Peter Circuit has advanced a little over last year in paying its claims, but nothing spectacular has been done otherwise. Improvements have been made on the parsonage at Macedonia Church, and the interior decorated at the parsonage at St. Peter. Gas was installed in the St. Peter Church. The pastor is Rev. B. T. Branch.

Zachary Circuit desires the return of its pastor, Rev. David Lockhart, out of appreciation for the leadership he is giving both churches and the spirit in which he serves them. Some extension has been made to

the Zachary Church, and the Deereford Church was dedicated after being rebuilt in recent years.

As each of us comes to the end of a period of labor these searing words will face us, "Will the Master say to me, 'Well done'?"

LEREOY FIELDS, District Supt.

REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN DISTRICT

Bishop Willis J. King, Members of the Louisiana Annual Conference and Friends:

I submit the following, my report for the Franklin District, for the year 1953-54. There are sixteen appointments on this district, twenty-eight churches with a total membership of two thousand, two hundred and fifty-five (\$2,255).

We have made three quarterly visits to each of these churches and held the first, second, and fourth quarterly conferences in each one. There are very fine laymen to be found in most of these appointments who stand loyally by the church's program.

We have held one District Conference in the month of October that was honored with the presence of our Bishop and our Area Secretary. Several visitors, representing departments of our Conference, were in attendance.

We held two Methodist Youth Fellowship Institutes on the sub-district level. Namely: The Franklin Sub-District Institute in St. Martinville; The Thibodaux Sub-District Institute in Belle Rose; the attendance was fine. This work is carried on under the able leadership of Mrs. Chaney B. Prevost. Rev. W. R. London, Jr., has assisted very capably as a resource man.

One workshop for Daily Vacation Bible School workers was held in New Iberia by Mrs. Evelyn R. Thomas, assisted by Miss McIntyre and Rev. N. P. Perry. One Layleader's meeting was held by Bro. T. H. Charles, District Layleader.

The District Woman's Society of Christian Service, led by Mrs. A. L. Hook, president, has taken on new life. She works tirelessly. We have encouraged our supply pastors, who are in the Conference course of study, to attend the school at Gulfside.

We have a very fine Ministers Wives' Association. This has been their best year in that they have held four meetings, and have assisted greatly in raising the reserve pension fund.

The Sager Brown and Godman School has a very efficient staff, headed by the superintendent, Miss Rose Ann Cobb. They have contributed to the shaping of the lives of approximately three hundred children; twenty-eight per cent of this number live in our dormitories; twenty per cent come from surrounding communities and helped to make up the day school. The other fifty-two per cent have been reached through our Church School, Vacation Bible School, Boy Scouts, Youth Institutes and their recreational programs.

The health of our pastors and their families has been splendid, only minor ailments. The men of the Franklin District come to this Conference with their heads up. Most of them have led their churches with success and paid all claims in full. The few who have not can feel that

their infirmities have been borne by their stronger brothers. For the district, all claims have been paid in full.

There has been considerable improvement in the physical plants. Out of "Specials" allocated to us: Union has been made a new church, and a concrete block church has been completed in LaPlace; the church in Houma refloored; St. Paul (Jeanerette) has been painted inside and out, and the parsonage redecorated. Bro. Byounne has had a good year.

Charenton: Bro. King Alexander, pastor; all claims paid in full.

Franklin Circuit: Bro. S. J. Thomas, pastor; all claims paid in full; some improvements have been made in the parsonage.

Houma: Bro. Walter Barabin, pastor; the church has taken on new life, the membership reactivated.

Hahnville: Bro. Eddie Carter, pastor, has made several repairs here.

Lutcher Circuit: Bro. Max R. Butler, pastor; debts paid in full; some improvements have been made.

LaPlace: After seven years of struggle Bro. Rainey has completed this very nice church building.

Morgan City Circuit: T. E. McElroy, pastor; improvements have been made here, with the help of specials.

Napoleonville Circuit: Bro. W. H. Davis, pastor; several needed improvements have been made here.

New Iberia: Bro. J. F. Johnson, pastor; improvements have been made here; a prayer altar added; old debts paid.

Olivia Circuit: Bro. H. J. Rhyan, pastor; the parsonage has been made livable; church being painted; gas heaters installed.

St. Martinville: Bro. E. L. Berry, pastor; the church has built a kitchen to serve the church's needs; a large building program is under way.

St. Peter Circuit: Bro. L. A. Williams, pastor; the church (St. Peter) has been reconditioned inside and out; Mt. Zion painted inside.

Thibodaux Circuit: Bro. Blackman Hall, pastor; all local debts paid. on calvary; Magnolia refloored and sealed.

Union: Bro. Poledore, pastor; a good job completed here.

Woodlawn: Bro. P. H. Hayes, pastor; all claims have been paid; the plant is in good condition.

One month before Conference we held a Statistical Clinic, led by Rev. W. H. Davis, Conference Statistician. One temperance meeting was held by Rev. J. F. Johnson, and an Evangelistic Caravan carried on under the leadership of Rev. V. S. Byounne, District Secretary of Evangelism.

The type of laymen, and cooperative pastors we have had to work with this year have made this report possible.

T. E. McELROY, District Superintendent.

REPORT OF LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Bishop King and Members of the Conference:

As a member of your cabinet, presiding over the Lake Charles District, I come to give an account of the work of the District for the Conference year 1953-1954. As we come to the conclusion of this second year in the quadrennium, I am more convinced than ever that we are really privileged to be in the Great Methodist Church with her progressive and ongoing program. Therefore, we the officers, ministers, and laymen of the Lake Charles District make a new pledge to give the best that we have of our time, our talents, and our possessions for Christ and His Church.

The State of the Churches

In 80% of the charges the health of the churches is good. In most of these charges there is a new zeal and enthusiasm as well as a greatly increased spiritual vitality. There is a marked improvement in the organizational structure of most of these churches with the four commissions, called for by the Discipline, being organized and functioning for progressive program development. More members are becoming engaged in Christian Church activities. Out of 34 local churches in the district 26 have church schools that function regularly every Sunday.

Success, Health and Disaster

The health of the ministers and their families and the laymen of the several charges has been good, with but few exceptions. Rev. Wade Hampton, our retired minister living in Alexandria, has been under a hard spell of sickness for several months and is now in Shreveport, being cared for by his sister. Mrs. T. J. Bridgett was ill during the year, but has completely recovered. Mrs. J. C. Williams has been sick twice during the year but she has now greatly improved. Death invaded the parsonage of Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Handy, Jr., taking away their infant son, W. T. Handy III. Death also invaded the ranks of the laity in several of the charges.

During the month of May, 1953, most of the Lake Charles District was hard hit by flood waters. What appeared to be just a series of hard rains eventuated into disaster, Crops were destroyed and many of our folk had to be evacuated from their homes and cared for by the Red Cross for several months. Some pastors were unable to get to their charges for six weeks after the Annual Conference. But in spite of sickness, in spite of death, in spite of disaster, we have moved progressively onward, taking unto ourselves the admonition of the poet Tennyson, who wrote:

"Let not all that saddens Nature blight thy hope or break thy rest,
Quail not at the fiery mountain, at the shipwreck, or the rolling
thunder, or the rending earthquake, or the famine or the past!"

Evangelism

We began the Conference year with the philosophy that no local church in the Lake Charles District is an end in itself. But rather it is a means to a greater end—the carrying of the good news and seeking others to bring them to Christ and His Church. With this fact in mind two planning meetings were held with pastors to follow through on plans for evangelism presented by the District Committee on Evangelism and adopted by the District Conference. Nineteen pastors held

revivals and visitation missions. Some of the pastors also conducted Church Attendance and Church Loyalty Crusades in connection with their evangelistic efforts. All but two of the charges report that they received some new members during this Conference year. The following is a summary of our evangelistic efforts during the year:

Number of teams working.....	64
Number of prospects	200
Number of visits made	226
Number of interviews	220
Number of new members received	186

We will continue to seek the unsaved and bring them to Christ. We pledge ourselves to do a seven-day-a-week job in this phase of our program during the next Conference year.

World Service, Conference Benevolences, and Advance Specials

World Service, Conference Benevolences and Advance Specials make up the life-line of our great Church. Most of the charges have worked diligently on their apportionments for World Service, Conference Benevolences and Advance Specials. All of the Advance Specials quota for the District has been raised in full since October.

Conferences, Institutes, and Leadership Training

As a part of our promotional work we have carried on our usual conferences, institutes, and leadership training enterprises. We had a very fine District Conference October 29-November 1, 1953. The entire program of the conference was focused on Christian Stewardship. The various agencies of the District—WSCS, Young Adults, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Methodist Men and Christian Education staffs—participated, showing how their programs could be geared for the promotion of Christian Stewardship. Our Annual MYF Youth Assembly was held at Asbury Methodist Church April 9-10, Rev. Roger Transpers, pastor, under the theme "Helping Youth Discover the Will of God and Live By It." Under the leadership of Mrs. Roger Transpers, Mrs. Katie Cooper and Mrs. Nathaniel P. Perry the 43 youth and 20 adults present from seven pastoral charges were greatly inspired to go back to their charges and strengthen the youth work in their local churches. The Annual Christian Workers' School for the Alexandria Sub-district was held at Wilton Church February 17-19, 1954. The more than 45 persons present, representing seven local churches, received much information on teaching in the Church School and Christian Beliefs through the instruction of your humble servant and Dr. Jolly B. Harper, District Superintendent of the Alexandria District, South Central Jurisdiction. In connection with the Christmas Roll Call a Seminar on the Reserve Pension Fund was held January 3, 1954. Dr. T. B. Echols, Field Representative for the Board of Pensions, gave dynamic leadership as consultant. There was also held a workshop with the pastors on Annual Conference Reports May 6, at Lake Charles.

Ministers' Wives

The ministers' wives on the Lake Charles District have not been unmindful of the challenge of the Reserve Pension Fund. A good percentage of the wives raised their quotas in full.

District Organizations

The work of the WSCS was disrupted when its president, Mrs. C. T.

Wardah, had to leave, due to transfer of her husband to another district in April, 1953. However the society was reorganized last October, with Mrs. Cora Washington as president and Mrs. Sarah Fields as vice-president. We now look to this organization as a very effective force in the District program. They have accepted their quotas for missions and cultivation and are vigorously promoting the same in the charges. The District MYF was reorganized April 9th with Eliza Jones as president. Under the leadership of the new youth officers and the guidance of adult workers with youth, Mrs. Clytie F. Perry, District Director, Mrs. K. M. Cooper and Mrs. Roger Transpers, Sub-district Counselors—there should be a new day for youth work on the District. The spring item on the Youth Emphasis Calendar was promoted by the District Director of Youth Work. Twenty copies of the Lenten Reading Project, "I Believe," were distributed. Dr. O. V. Cooper, District Lay Leader, is giving fine leadership to lay activities of the District. As a result of his visits to several charges the Methodist Men's work has been greatly improved. Two projects in District lay activities for the ensuing Conference year will be the acquiring of a District parsonage and the promotion of the Stewardship of possessions.

Building and Improvements

There is a continuous awakening among the charges to the need of improving and beautifying church property. The charges are not merely feeling the need of improvement and beautification but they are actually doing something about it. It is striking to note that 50% of the charges spent \$11,156.00 in improving their church buildings and parsonages. These renovations by charges are as follows: Warren, Lake Charles—Roof repair, \$1,000.00; Macedonia, Boyce Circuit—Church painted and foundations repair, \$150.00; Union Chapel, Bunkie Circuit—Exterior and interior of church painted, new floor, new roof, new ceiling, new belfry, new steps, \$1,300.00; Trinity, Crowley—Restrooms, window fan, foundation improved, \$900.00; Briggs Chapel, Lafayette Circuit—Painting of church and general repair, \$415.00; St. Mark, Magda—New belfry, floor repaired, steps repaired, \$180.00; Asbury, Natchitoches—Repair of parsonage roof, interior decorating of parsonage, \$160.00; St. Mark, Opelousas—Church and parsonage painted, hot water tank installed, kitchen built for church, \$1,537.00; Mallalieu, Welsh Circuit—New roof, new steeple, communion rail, \$281.00; St. Mark, Washington Circuit—New roof, \$433.00; St. Paul, Washington Circuit—Enlargement of church building, \$500.00; Mt. Zion, Leesville—A new church project which will be an imposing stone block structure when completed, costing \$12,600.00. The project has been stalled since October, due to lack of funds. Pastor and people started out to complete this project with free labor at a cost of less than \$5,000.00. More than \$4,500.00 has been spent and the project is less than half finished. Through donation from Board of Missions and local loan it is hoped that this project will be completed early in the new Conference year.

The amount of money in building and funds also attest to the dissatisfaction of the charges with their rundown and inadequate plants. More than \$57,000.00 abounds in the treasuries of eight local churches who are aspiring for new modern plants where real Christian Church activities can be carried on. Newman, Alexandria, has just consummated a sale of her Murray Street property for a net of \$64,000.00. She will have more than \$46,000.00 in a new plant when the indebtedness on new site is cleared. The status of other building funds of the other churches is as follows:

Union Chapel, Boyce Circuit	\$ 689.00
St. Paul, Campti Circuit	1,175.00
Mallielieu, Lafayette	2,358.00
Macedonia, Pine Flat	425.00
Asbury, Natchitoches	3,488.00
Warren, Lake Charles	677.00
on new organ and \$2,698 building fund.	
Emmanuel Chapel, Cane River Circuit..	200.00

Thus we observe an improvement in leadership and the organizational structure of 80% of the charges of the District. We also see self respect and pride in at least 50% of the charges to the extent that they are beautifying and renovating their rundown churches and parsonages. We also see through the building funds that there is planning for future generations. We see further that nineteen of the charges have shown some concern for the unsaved and have made some attempt to reach them though in some instances the effort was feeble. Observing these trends we can say that the Lake Charles District is in a much better condition today than it was this time a year ago and that we can predict with certainty, a greater future for the Lake Charles District.

N. P. PERRY, District Supt.

REPORT OF NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

W. Talbot Handy, District Superintendent

Bishop King and Members of the Conference, Greetings:

It gives me signal pride to report to you, the "Acts of the Apostles" on the New Orleans District. Upon assignment to their respective charges last year, the pastors on the District went to their tasks with confidence and courage. The results will be reflected in the various reports herein set forth. The policy has been to follow through in all of the phases of the work of the church, looking after all of the areas of activity, in the work of the Kingdom.

Christian Education, Evangelism, Missions and kindred interests have engaged our attention. Institutes, on the various levels have been conducted, one District Conference, workshops, etc., have been conducted. The report shows that there have been an increase in accessions.

Health on the District

The health of the ministers and their families has been, on the whole, very good. Yet death invaded our ranks during the year, removing several of our number. The Rev. S. C. Walker, who was Executive Secretary of Christian Education, passed to his reward from the effective ranks, and the late J. C. Coleman, retired, also was removed from his field of labor. It should be said of our retired ministers on the District, that they have continued their labors of love in the local churches. We refer to Revs. C. C. Landry, W. Scott Chinn, A. B. Harris, E. L. Jackson, H. B. F. Charles, S. J. Jackson. From local churches they have come and to local churches they have returned.

Institutions

There are several institutions on the New Orleans District, all of which are doing effective work. They are Dillard University, Flint-Goodridge Hospital, Lafon Protestant Old Folks Home, Peoples Meth-

odist Community Center. The Central Christian Advocate, and the Episcopal Residence. Dillard University, under the leadership of Dr. A. W. Dent, has become one of the great schools of the nation. The new Science Building, which cost upwards of \$500,000, is now a reality. Dillard in truth is one of the cultural centers of the Crescent City.

Fint-Goodridge Hospital, judging from recent developments, is marking a new day in the life of the institution. A Board of Managers for the Hospital has been organized, and several of our leaders are serving on that Board. Dr. T. L. Miller, Rev. R. D. Hill will represent us on that Board of Managers. Bishop Willis J. King, our Resident Bishop, was the main speaker, upon the occasion of honoring that Board of Managers. It would seem that Flint will march forward to a larger future. Mr. C. C. Weil is the Superintendent.

The Lafon Old Folks Home under the superintendency of Rev. C. O. Greene, is making successful strides. It has reached the stage of self-support. This is made possible because of the fact that all of the residents of the Home are on State and City support. The detailed report of the activities of the Home will come to us through the Superintendent's report, later in this session. Rev. Greene has demonstrated effective leadership in this field and has actually made a contribution.

The Peoples Methodist Community Center, in New Orleans, with Rev. Richard W. Calvin as Superintendent, is doing great work. This agency is supported by the Community Chest. Some \$11,000.00 is donated to the operating budget each year. It has become as never before, a real center of influence not only in the immediate community, but in the City of New Orleans as well. It is used now as never before as an assembly ground for various activities and groups desiring to use its facilities. Rev. Calvin has made a very fine impression on the Chest authorities, and it is reported that the goal has been set for an attendance upon the various activities, around 50,000 persons. The Division of National Missions, looks upon it as one of its show places in America. This Division is also one of the supporting agencies. The Division says that the institution justifies the money spent there. The new \$65,000.00 plant is really justified.

Since the last Annual Conference, the New Orleans Area has taken over the residence of the late Bishop Robert N. Brooks, and it is presently occupied by our Resident Bishop. The Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Trustees, according to the law, have charge of it. These men hold the property in trust for the Area. A complete report on the residence is expected during this session, which will explain in detail the total transaction.

Benevolences

While emphasis has been placed upon Evangelism, Missions and Christian Education, we have also stressed the benevolences of the Church. It is pleasing to report that the 25 charges on the District, for the various causes of the Church, including Budget, Advance Specials and District Superintendent's support, had reported at the District Conference time, April 28, 1954, upwards of \$30,000.00. It is thought that the figure before the Conference is over will reach \$35,000.00.

Building and Improvement

The charge-by charge report, as seen on the following pages, will indicate that considerable building operations have been and are under

way on the District. The work in the several charges along with the pastors, is herewith set forth.

ALGIERS-ASBURY: Rev. D. L. Davidson is the pastor. He has done well at this charge, serving his first year. Claims have been raised and the people are expecting him back. Dr. E. J. Hammond, and one of the Church's builders visited there several months ago, and certain ideas for improvement were suggested, and the people seem to be willing to follow Rev. Davidson, in renovating their church. They plan to begin raising funds for such purposes.

ANGIE: Angie is one of our strongest rural charges. Rev. A. E. Franklin is serving his third year, and to many conceded to be his best year. He seems to be growing on the people. They have a stone church at Wesley Ray, but the people want to have a church with a divided altar. As soon as Dr. Hammond can find time to get out there, to submit drawings, plans will be made for accomplishing this end. They have \$1,000 on hand, as it was reported in the Quarterly Conference. The recommendation is that Rev. Franklin return to Angie.

BOGALUSA: Rev. O. W. Christopher is the pastor here, serving his third year. Here is where we held the District Conference, and there we had the pleasure of having Mrs. King with us. Rev. Christopher has had a successful year there. Dr. Hammond has also visited this charge, and made suggestions concerning a long-range program, which would result in practically a new edifice. Some ten thousand brick were placed on the ground, but Dr. Hammond states that the type of brick cannot be used on the church as planned for this work, so these brick are being sold, and the money placed on credit to the Building Fund. Many of the people as I passed on the streets, said to me: "Send our preacher back."

BROOKS: A \$30,000 church is in prospect at Brooks, as Rev. C. O. Greene is giving part time service as pastor without salary. The salary is allowed, but it is all applied toward the Building Fund. He pastors the church in conjunction with his regular duties as superintendent of the Lafon Old Folks Home. A set of plans have already been forwarded to the superintendent, and program for financing it has been approved. It is thought that with assistance from the Division of National Missions, this church can be built during the coming Conference year. Rev. Greene has on hand \$9,000 for building purposes.

FIRST STREET: A banner year has been experienced during the last year at First Street, and Rev. T. R. W. Harris has given the leadership. This church several years ago borrowed \$10,000 from the Division of National Missions, to complete a \$35,000 renovation program there. They had six years in which to refund the Board this \$10,000. During the past year \$5,000 was paid on the debt. At the last Quarterly Conference this church moved out into the upper bracket of paying \$5,200 per year salary. Rev. Harris is a successful pastor. The people in making their reports at the last Quarterly Conference said: "Send Rev. Harris back to us."

FRANKLINTON: During last August, Franklinton Church was completed. Rev. L. A. Lester, pastor. It is a beautiful brick church, which when one looks at it, would guess it cost \$35 000. The plan was to build at a cost of \$15,000, with the Board at Philadelphia paying \$5,000, the Conference \$5,000.00 and the people were to raise \$5,000.00. The actual cost came to \$19,500.00. The Board made a loan of \$3,000 and donated \$1,500. The District Conference is to be held there next year. The people in making their request known, use the word "Please" in asking for his return. They say: "Please send him back for another year."

GENTILLY MISSION: This is a Mission Church, out on Highway 90. Located near what is called in New Orleans as the "Blue Goose." This is a new project, having only about 20 adult members and a Church School, with 45 on roll. With the assistance of the Annual Conference, Rev. S. Barze, the pastor, has been able to purchase two lots. This Mission has recently been incorporated under the name of "Ray Avenue Methodist Church." They are thinking in terms of putting on an effort to raise \$1,000 so as to get under the shelter. Methodism needs to turn its attention to this area of our city, which could be made a real opportunity. The Conference gave to the project \$1,320.

GRACE: Rev. E. A. Mays, closed his second year as pastor, with success. This church is one of the great churches. All claims were met in full. They have in their view a greater Grace.. Grace was written up in program of National Missions, as needing from an outside source \$50,000, and their plan is to raise an equal amount with which to build a \$100,000 church. Dr. Brown, of the Board of Missions, New York, saw the situation and noted that more land would be needed. Just recently the property next door has been offered for sale. The people at Grace have been hearing some rumors concerning their pastor's future activity, and they registered their opinion by saying if their pastor does not go in the direction that rumor has it, send him back to them.

GREтна: Boynton Church Gretna, has been renovated, and added a Social Hall, Rest Rooms, Pastor's Study, etc., which represents a new church during this year. The District Superintendent served this charge without salary during the year. Some \$14,000 was expended. The Board at Philadelphia donated \$1,000, and the Conference donated \$2,500, a local loan for \$3,500 was arranged, and the balance was raised. Upwards of \$5,000 was raised at Boynton during the year. The pastor's return is asked.

HARTZELL: Rev. N. P. Williams, pastor of Hartzell, serving his first year, has done a very fine job. About \$1,100 was added to the Building Fund. Rev. Williams sold them the idea of a "New Look" at their building of a parsonage and Educational Building. They decided to continue to raise money, and try to have \$10,000 on hand and expend \$25,000 or \$30,000. He has added 48 new members during the year. He and his good wife work together it seems. They feel that they can do all things, if their energetic pastor is returned. Rev. Williams is giving up his work with the State within 60 days after Conference, and give full time to Hartzell, that is to say, if he is sent back by the Bishop, which I have recommended.

HAVEN: Haven has closed a very successful year, under Rev. F. D. Timmons. Some improvements have been made in the physical plant at Haven this year, with all of their claims being paid. In order to show how much they think of their pastor, and keep him satisfied, so he will not want to leave them, an increase has been made in the pastor's salary. So Brother Timmons is making his own promotion. They expect Rev. Timmons back. He seems to be growing on the people. This was his best year.

KENNER-ROSS: Rev. P. M. Jones is serving his second year. This was his best year. Insurance was increased, improvements made on the Ross Chapel, with Bath Room facilities added, means that he has done a good job at this point. As usual Brother Jones met all of his claims. In the Quarterly Conference the people said that he has taught them more Methodism than they have had in many a year. He would rather prefer a station than a two-point circuit, if such can be worked out, and I so recommend.

LAHARPE: The Rev. C. H. Hayes at LaHarpe, is just about ready to build a parsonage. His strong preaching ability, and his own disposition, have rendered him dear to the hearts of the people. That Hartzell was not ready to build, since they are taking a "new look," the \$1,000 donation from the Board of Missions, that has been down for Hartzell, has about been transferred to LaHarpe. They have \$3,000 on hand. They are right at the point of building, and are certainly not expecting any change. They do not think a horse should be changed in the middle of the stream.

MANDEVILLE: It has been said that some Supply men at times can do more than some full members. If this is true, Brother Wesley, J. L., at Mandeville would be one of them. During his eight or nine years at Mandeville, he has built a new parsonage and renovated the church. The new pulpit set, costing over \$500, is very beautiful. Rest rooms, etc., are being added, and to show how much the Board appreciates what has been done, they recently sent an application, with instructions, that we fill it out for a donation from the Board in the amount of \$500. The people appreciate his services and asked for his return.

MT. ZION: The statement of a few definite facts, in the case of Mt. Zion will tell the story. Rev. Hill has done a grand job here as we can see if we look about us. When they went into this church, there was a debt of a little better than \$40,000. When it was reported that that amount has been subscribed, and by this time another year, the total debt will be liquidated, all will agree that it represents a job well done. Just last Sunday the debt off the organ was completed, and Bishop King dedicated the organ. It cost around \$18,000 it is said. At the Quarterly Conference, the people said they are not expecting any change at Mt. Zion, but to be sure that their desires are made known, they expressed themselves, asking for his return.

PECK: When Rev. Wm. R. London went to Peck two years ago he found something better than \$13,000 for the new church. At the moment that amount has been increased to \$26,000 and better. Plans for the new church have been accepted from Dr. E. J. Hammond, and bids have been let for the building of Peck. The cheapest bid was \$56,000. As soon as a local loan can be arranged, work will start. All claims have been met, and Rev. London's return is certainly expected. The contract will be signed soon and Peck, on the corner of S. Tonti and Washington Ave., will be under construction. Rev. London has done a good job.

PEOPLE: Rev. S. W. Walker was appointed here at the last Conference. It was thought by the Bishop that a real man was needed at that point, and asked the Cabinet did we actually think Rev. Walker was the man we needed there. He was decided upon and at the close of the year it can be said that he was able. The furniture bill which was \$1,300, or thereabout, has been reduced to around \$300. The \$10,000 mortgage that is due on this church is payable at \$186.00 per month. The church has in hand now enough to pay the notes through July. They expect no change at this Conference, as it was so expressed, and the Superintendent recommends.

PHILIP MEMORIAL: Philip Memorial is another church we hope to build, if reappointed another year. They had enough money to qualify with the Board, for a \$50,000 church, but the property on the corner was put up for sale, and some \$4,000 or more was needed to take over the corner property. Rev. E. J. Wise, who is serving his first year, raised with them this year about \$2,500 on Building Fund. Immediately after Conference, if he is sent back, they plan to raise the additional \$4,000 needed to qualify, and that church will be on its way. We have there one

of the best church sites, if not the best, that we have on the district. They like Rev. Wise's preaching, and ask the Bishop to let him return.

SAINT PHILIP: Rev. A. M. Taylor has done very well at this point under the circumstances. They have no parsonage at this point, and he has had to live away across town, which has worked a kind of hardship on him. Most all of his claims have been met in full and Rev. Taylor has done a good year's work. The Conference through the Advance Fund, has donated to this charge \$1,000, with which to build a parsonage, and that amount is still in the Conference treasury. The potential is there and Bishop King and the Cabinet have St. Philip under study, and a larger future for this charge is possible. Rev. Taylor was a little ill during the year, but has come back to strength again.

SHAW TEMPLE: This church, under the leadership of Rev. C. D. Small as pastor, has had its face lifted during this year. The Board at Philadelphia gave them \$500, and the Conference Advance donated \$500, and they had to raise a bit better than \$600. Since the membership is small, they had to meet those situations, and therefore, they could not do too much on claims, but they said they would come to Conference with all matters met. The church has been greatly improved.

SLIDELL: Rev. J. W. Wilson, pastor, serving his second year, has done a very good job at this point. There has been an increase in the population of Slidell, as a result of his presence. A baby boy was born in and about the parsonage of Slidell. That was something that has not happened in Slidell's parsonage in many a year. Rev. Wilson has rounded out two good years there. It should have been mentioned above under PEOPLES, and Rev. and Mrs. Walker had born to them during the year, a baby boy.

THOMPSON: Some \$2,100 worth of improvement has been done at Thompson this year. Rev. J. C. Bibbons, the wide awake pastor, has closed his eighth year, with success. The City authorities have made certain demands on them there, and during this year Thompson met these demands. Rev. Bibbons has been there quite sometime, but they still are satisfied with his leadership. They, as Methodists, know that after so many years Methodist ministers move on, but in spite of that they asked if it is possible please send him back.

TRINITY: Rev. T. R. Wallace is, and has been one of our most successful pastors. Ripe in experience, cool in approach as well as deliberate, he has closed out three successful years at Trinity. There is a man, from the City of New Orleans, going around taking names, telling churches what they must do with their property. Two pages, single spaced, have been needed to let the Trinity congregation know what is needed there. They have rather did have 45 days in which to do it. This same man, or one like him, came around and condemned Peck. Immediately after Conference, something is to be done about it. Rev. Wallace was ill during the year, and he was weakened a bit in his health, but he came out of it satisfactorily, and all of his Budget, and Advance Specials have been paid, and most of the claims. Rev. Wallace has done a grand job.

WESLEY: One of the finest pieces of work done on the district this year, has been done at Wesley. The task of relocating Wesley, bringing it from the old site to the present, was a man's job. That has been successfully done, during the four years' administration of the Rev. Haywood. They, as it will be known, bought old Mt. Zion. It has been completely renovated, and to walk in there and see what has been done, one would be surprised. They are ready for real housekeeping. The Annual Conference gave Mother Wesley about \$1,500 to help in

its affairs. There is no debt. Yet they have no parsonage, and the Quarterly Conference is asking that they be considered. Some \$300 I am told is left on hand on building. It is a known fact now that Bro. Haywood is to retire at this Conference, and his retirement will be considered at the proper time, with more to be said. His ministry has been most successful and fruitful.

WILLIAMS: Rev. S. G. Reed is the wide-awake pastor. At the end of eight years there, Rev. Reed's record shows that this has been his most successful year. Not long since, he and the good people of Williams, sustain during a 30 days period, 4 fires. The property was insured, and I understand that the insurance will take care of repairs, but there is still some question as to how the matter of his personal belongings will be cared for. He has been ready for Conference about four months, with all claims reported. In the light of the situation, the request of the people is that he return and engineer the repairs, etc., occasioned by these fires. His return is asked for. I, the District Superintendent, have made such a recommendation.

Women's Work

The work of the WSCS has gone forward under the leadership of Mrs. Florenda Wheeler. The superintendent has gone all out to co-operate with the ladies in the promotion of this all-important work. In the absence of their Annual Report, as given out at the recent Annual Meeting, I am not in position to state just where they stand. When we speak of that organization, mention is also made of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Under the leadership of Mrs. Nellie Collins, the hope is that the work will continue to grow.

The Advocate

The physical improvements of the paper has resulted in increased interest among the readers. At the recent Annual Drive, there was a definite increase in the subscriptions. On the New Orleans District, we have a church, in which there are more subscriptions than any other church in the world, namely, First Street, which has a list of upwards of 400.

A Personal Word

As the report is closed, it should be pointed out that the superintendent has served in a dual capacity for the past five years. He has served as pastor of the Peoples and Boynton churches respectively. That those two buildings have been rehabilitated, it has been agreed, that if I am privileged to serve the full term of six years, I will have one more year. It is the understanding that full time will be given to the office and work of that of a District Superintendent. It should be pointed out, however, that while serving as pastor, it was without salary.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. HANDY,
District Superintendent

REPORT OF SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Bishop King, Members of the Conference and Friends:

Someone said, "Vision is seeing what ought to be done, what can be done, and a way to do it." The Shreveport District has tried to visualize its task during the past thirteen months, discover how it could be done, and then do the job. We submit the following as an account of our stewardship. Our Heavenly Father has blessed us far more than we deserve. There has been much sickness among the ministry and the laity; thanks to our Heavenly Father, every man who was commissioned from the last Conference to go forth has answered "present" when his name was called.

Rev. J. D. David requested sabbatical leave at the last Conference; he has been on the sick list all the year. After forty years of fruitful service. Rev. David is requesting retirement at this Conference. Rev. C. T. Wardah has undergone surgery. Brothers S. P. Sanford, James Johnson and B. F. Brown have been on the sick list. A large number of our laymen have been reported sick, at this time, five of the most dependable members in our Bastrop congregation have been reported seriously ill.

The grim reaper has claimed Sisters I. B. Henderson, L. A. Owens and Mira Tennessee.

Activities

Despite the treacherous North Louisiana weather, activities on the District and sub-district level have shown progress. Again, we had a record breaking District Conference. To be graced with the presence of the resident Bishop lifts a District Conference in the record breaking class. Spiritually, numerically and financially, the 86th session of the Shreveport District Conference made history.

The Shreveport District is largely a rural area. In the rurals, we have summer REVIVALS. As a result of these summer revivals, 108 additions to the membership rolls on the District were reported at the District Conference. The total membership for the District is 3026.

In the field of Christian Education, two Christian Workers' Schools were conducted by Rev. Perry, acting secretary of Christian Education. More than two hundred and fifty persons enrolled in these schools. The largest and best MYF Mid-Year Institute ever held on the District was held in February. Two Vacation Church School Workshops were held. A very beneficial and well attended annual district meeting of the WSCS was held by the president, Mrs. O. B. Medlock. Daily Vacation Bible Schools were conducted in the majority of the churches on the District.

In two whirlwind trips to the District, Dr. D. S. Fletcher of the Board of Church Extensions, collected \$1,248.58 on back interest and principal from three congregations indebted to the Board.

There are 39 preaching places on the District, only five of these edifices need a "face lifting." There are no large congregations on the Shreveport District. Since the last annual conference, St. James (Shreveport) has purchased a commodious church edifice at a cost of \$70,000. This brave congregation under the dynamic leadership of Rev. J. C. Calvin has assumed this heavy responsibility uncomplainingly. Mt. Zion (Vanceville) has been completely made into a new church without being torn down. This rural church is a thing of beauty. Several of the smaller congregations have given their edifices a face lifting, which shows

their pride and loyalty to the Church of their choice. Along with these many local improvements, the sacrificing people of the Shreveport District has paid the World Service and Conference Budget in full, \$6119.87. The Advance Special Fund paid in full, \$2002.00; \$150.00 reported for the Native Pastors in the Liberia Conference and all the minor askings paid in full. More than ten thousand dollars have been reported for all purposes by this rural area district.

The Ministers' Wives have reported \$900.00 on the Reserve Pension Fund. There is an increase for the Pastor's two per cent for the Reserve Pension Fund. Several churches increased the pastors' salary over the estimation.

Pastors' Achievements

Mt. Olive (Bastrop). Rev. C. T. Wardah is completing his first year with this loyal membership. This is a small congregation; a better congregation cannot be found in the Louisiana Conference. Mt. Olive owes a small debt to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, interest and principal paid to date. Brother Wardah and many of his most loyal members have been on the sick list. Mt. Olive make a round report for the year.

Mt. Nebo (Bastrop). Brother R. S. Murray is the proud pastor. This is the congregation often mentioned for its unusual attention to its young people. The majority of the officers of the church are teen-agers. The church edifice here stood a long time like a specter, Brother Murray has lead the congregation into a neat, comfortable little structure out of debt. All claims are paid, Brother Murray's return is asked for.

Bradford Chapel (Belcher) is one of our old rural congregations; Brother Lee Jennings is the successful pastor. Brother Jennings is quite, unassuming and dependable. Bradford Chapel has been renovated and looks impressive in the middle of the ten acres that surround it. There is no debt. All claims are paid. The congregation asked for the return of the pastor.

Lawson Chapel (Bonita). The smiling Sandy Facen is the successful pastor. Brother Facen's messages of love and his understanding disposition has won the hearts of this small congregation. Lawson Chapel's membership has dwindled during the last twenty years from near four hundred down to thirty-one. This is the sad story all over the Shreveport District, shrinking congregations. Lawson Chapel has plans to repair the church during the autumn. All claims paid in full. The pastor's return is requested.

Grand Bayou Ct. Brother James Sudds is the veteran pastor here. No more faithful nor self-sacrificing preacher can be found than James Sudds. The two congregations-Corinth at Grand Bayou and Robinson Chapel at Le Chute — seem to be gasping for the last breath. There remains a few members in both congregations who love the Methodist Church but are unable to support it. Robinson Chapel has a small debt that seems to be all they can take care of. Brother Sudds has done as well as anyone could under the circumstances.

Keithville Ct. This is a two point circuit; for the best interest of all concerned, this work was divided. Brother A. J. McCoy has wrought miracles at Fairview. In four months, the church has taken on new life and almost paid the claim in full. Brother J. W. Washington is in his second year at McDonald, the second point on this Circuit. McDonald needs help along all lines. The parsonage is being repaired. A new highway has been built alongside the church; we are ashamed of the

ragged looking church representing Methodism in such a prominent location. This is another small congregation that must be saved for Methodist. The congregation and the pastor need a change.

Lake Providence Ct. Brother S. P. Sanford is the proud pastor. Brother Sanford's health has been poor for sometime. He is one of our fine young men. St. Peter Church in Lake Providence is one of our proud, small congregations. The financial budget system works very successfully here. Every member of the church pledges to the budget. St. Peter has a small debt with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, interest and principal paid up to date. This independent small group would like to be a station charge; the membership is too small to take care of a minister. Washington Chapel, on this Circuit is fifty miles from St. Peter; located in a large rural community, there is a bright future for this congregation. A new edifice is badly needed here. Brother Sanford has done his best with these two widely separated congregations.

Logansport Ct. Brother E. T. Gipson is the pastor. There were three points on this Circuit, Brother Gipson desired to be relieved of Pleasant Grove in Longstreet. Mt. Zion is a live-wire congregation. The church building is beautifully located. The largest adult Sunday School class on the District is in this rural church. Mt. Zion can do much more than it does along all line. Every year it has a balance on its claims. Union Chapel in Logansport has eleven members, not a youth in the congregation. We have no church edifice here. This small congregation wants a church building, they need the prayers of the conference. Brother F. I. Bailey took charge of Pleasant Grove in Longstreet after Brother Gipson gave it up. In three months he has made a round report. This is another small congregation that makes only token contributions. The District Superintendent has suggested that these three congregations unite to make a better showing and save the two small congregations. The small congregations do not want to loose their identity.

Mansfield Circuit. Rev. J. E. Brown is serving his sixth year here at his home. Too much praise cannot be given Rev. and Mrs. Brown for their leadership. Wesley (Mansfield) has a beautiful location. The congregation is small, but good workers when satisfied. The church and parsonage is now modernized with sewerage. The old Mansfield Academy building has been renovated and now serves as a nursery. The debt to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension is paid up to date. Shady Grove on this Circuit is a large rural community. The church and parsonage have been renovated. This congregation can do much more than is being done. The pastor and congregation need a change.

Thomas Circuit. The venerable Zack Smalley is in his second year. Brother Smalley is a good preacher and a stickler for the law of the Church. Bonchest is the larger of the two points. This congregation can do much more than it does. Thomas Chapel is small but very loyal. A financial budget plan operating here keeps this congregation from ever having a RALLY. Thomas Chapel always raises all the askings of the Conference. Rev. Smalley's return was requested.

St. James (Monroe). The dynamic R. S. Taylor is the successful pastor of this proud congregation. St. James is the best organized church on the District. St. James has a debt for the parsonage and remodeling of the church; this has not kept St. James from paying all claims in full. Rev. Taylor's return is requested.

St. Paul Circuit (Monroe). Rev. James Johnson is the pastor. The St. Paul congregation has been disgruntled for some time; no pastor seems to be the right one unless he can pay the bills of the church. This congregation wants to "call" their pastor. The church has a desirable location in a large community, but it cannot grow because of the attitude of the members. St. Paul is far behind with its claims. Mt. Sinai at Sterlington is the second point on the Circuit. Mt. Sinai is a "has-been." Nothing much has been done here this year except the purchase of a lot for a new location. White people have surrounded the old church; we are trying to move across town. All claims on the Circuit are in arrears.

Pelican. Brother Edward Sudds has taken care of this work until other arrangements can be made. St. Matthew and Mt. Carmel have been strong congregations. A few loyal Methodists remain. These rural people cannot do much. A new arrangement will be made to take care of this work.

Pelican Circuit. The smiling Wm. Tate is the smiling, happy pastor. Brother Tate has done a fine job with what he has had. This is his second year. James Chapel is a loyal rural group. They have renovated their little church and paid all claims. Union Chapel at Marthaville has only five members, no children, in the congregation. They have remodeled their little church and paid claims. Brother Tate's return is requested.

Pleasant Hill Circuit. Brother Fletcher G. Thomas is the unassuming, diligent pastor. His work here stands out for itself. He desires a change. Taylor Chapel at Pleasant Hill has a beautiful location. When the repairs are completed, we will be proud of this small edifice. The second largest group of young people on the District is found here. Haskin Chapel in Zwolle is small but dependable. The church has been renovated and claims paid.

Robeline Circuit. Brother H. K. White is in his second year here. Brother White is just beginning his ministry. He is serious minded and a hard worker. Wesley Chapel in Robeline is almost gone. A few old-timers are trying to hold the fort. Very little can be done here. Rosa Chapel at Ajax is a family church, located on the family estate. There are only seven adults and four children in the congregation. No one can move in; as the children grow up and marry, they leave the community or marry in other denominations. The family prestige keeps the church alive. Nothing much has been done this year because they were trying to repair the church building.

Daniel Chapel. Brother J. W. Washington is serving his first year at Daniel. Brother Washington is a hard worker but has not been able to work with Daniel Chapel. Like most of the other congregations, Daniel Chapel is dwindling. A few loyal members remain and do well when they are satisfied. The pastor and the congregation need a change.

Fairfield Chapel. Brother Hubbard Daniels is serving his fourth year; his attractive family has contributed much to his work. This has been Brother Daniels' best year in his ministry. Fairfield is the fourth church of strength on the District. Nothing is too big for Fairfield to do when they are satisfied. All claims are paid in full.

Jewella. Brother B. J. Haynes is the proud and successful pastor. Brother Haynes is a wonderful organizer, successful pastor and a good preacher. The churches he pastors never fail. All claims are paid in full, pastor and people are happy.

Johnson Circuit. Brother Arthur White is the happy pastor. Brother White has the gift of a winning argument; he never stops until

he has won his point. He is a good preacher, a kind and considerate pastor and never fails to do a full job. Johnson Chapel has taken on new life under Brother White. Improvements have been made on the parsonage, plans made for summer comfort in the church and new furniture for the parsonage. All claims are paid. Providence is the rural point on the Circuit. This is a large rural community; Providence could grow if the members did not struggle so hard to keep from being a Methodist church. A nice new concrete block building has been completed for worship. If this congregation will continue to follow Brother White, we will have another good rural church. Brother White's return was requested.

Round Grove. Brother B. F. Brown is pastoring here the second time. Brother Brown succeeds by his fatherly conduct. This small rural congregation is an old line Methodist group. They try hard to do everything asked of them. A new roof has been put on the church. Brother Brown's return was requested.

St. James. The dynamic J. C. Calvin is the hard working pastor. Brother Calvin never says no nor accepts no for an answer. The great Albert Schweitzer says in his Anthology, "The great secret of success is to go through life as a man who never gets used up." That is the best description of J. C. Calvin that I have found. His dogged tenacity led St. James into its new church home. The pastor and the congregation see no Alps as they face the balance of \$48,000 on their new church home. Believing that **success is the child of confidence and perseverance**, St. James moves on. The entire City of Shreveport has shown its appreciation for the new St. James. Though St. James has not done much on the claims, it has met its heavy responsibilities. When the load gets heavy, people become weary and disgruntled. St. James is griping mostly because its back is sore. Believing that a session of the Annual Conference will break the dawn for them, St. James invites the 1955 session of the Annual Conference to its spacious building in the fair City of Shreveport.

St. Paul. The young W. S. P. Norris is the proud and happy pastor of the proud St. Paul. Though the youngest pastor on the District, Brother Norris has given splendid leadership to this stiff congregation. The people flock to hear him preach, and follow his every plan. When Brother Norris learns to control his emotional outbursts, he will grow into one of the leaders of the Louisiana Conference. Without any special obligation, St. Paul has carried the largest budget it has had during the past decade. More than nine thousand dollars were raised without the usual financial spasm. The fourth quarterly conference was a love feast of affection for pastor and people. In glowing terms of sincerity, the quarterly conference requested the return of Brother Norris.

Trenton (Pleasant Valley). The old codger, C. C. Smith, is again holding the fort here. Brother Smith has repeated himself in every church he has pastored on the District, but his greatest triumph has come this time at Pleasant Valley. The church was almost down when Brother Smith asked for the work. The small group of members have followed Brother Smith's lead, and have built a modern looking edifice on the highway. The pastor and people are happy. It is seldom that a retired man can give such useful service. They have not done much on claims. There remains a small debt on the new building. Brother Smith and the congregation are happy.

Vanceville Circuit. Brother C. J. Harrison is the successful pastor. Brother Harrison has a winning way with his people. He is a splendid organizer and a good financier. More than four thousand dollars have been spent during the year for remodeling the church. The pastor and

people are proud of the new look at Mt. Zion. Mt. Zion is one of the few rural churches that has a choir, a Methodist Men's chapter. New Light at Benton is the second point on the Circuit. There is a hard working group here that moves like a happy family. The renovation on the church has not been completed. In an atmosphere of grave sincerity and a genuineness that could be felt, the quarterly conference requested the return of Brother Harrison. Brother Harrison paid all his claims at the District Conference.

It's easy to laugh when the battle's fought
 And you know that the victory's won;
 Yes, easy to laugh when the prize you sought
 Is yours when the race is run;
 But here's to the man who can laugh when the blast
 Of adversity blows; he will conquer at last,
 For the hardest man in the world to beat
 Is the man who can laugh in the face of defeat.
 —Emil Carl Aurin.

The pastors and sacrificing members of the Shreveport District can laugh now, we were not defeated, we faced defeat and won. These are the labors of the Shreveport District.

N. H. BAKER, Dist. Supt.

New Orleans, La., May 17, 1954.

To Bishop Willis J. King, D. D., Dear Father and Brethren:

In conformity with the requirements of the Discipline relative to the retired members of the Conference, I hereby submit my annual report of my work and activities for the year.

Verily, "The lines are fallen to me in pleasant places." (Psalm 16:6) and it is with unspeakable thanks that I present this report.

The health of my wife and me has been good, and with faith in God, we have held on. I personally have been truly abundant in labors and have ever sought to represent with credit the office of the ministry which I represent. Indeed, I have striven to be "abundant in trying to preach the Word," and I feel grateful to the brethren for the fine Christian fellowship extended to me from time to time.

In conducting revivals, I single out only a few which stand out in my year's work: That of Brother Hopkins, in Gulfport, Mississippi, and Brother T. R. Albert, Wesley, Baton Rouge; not to mention other points where we trust that our services were worth while.

Locally it has been my lot to act as moderator over the Gospel Train Broadcast for the Louisiana Life Insurance Company, where, every Sunday, we preach the Word to some seventy-five or eighty thousand people over a hook-up of some fifty-five broadcasting stations—a task that offers me a great opportunity to serve God and my fellow man, and one in which I strive to present to the radio audience words of wisdom, Godly advice, and the needs of everyday Christian living so essential in times like these.

To this end, Dear Bishop and Brethren, I ask your prayers and support, and say to you that you may rest assured that I will ever strive to prove worthy of your confidence and devotion as the years go by.

With sincere thanks, I remain Your brother in the Lord.

W. SCOTT CHINN.

VII

RESOLUTION

May 21, 1954.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Annual Conference is now composed of five (5) districts with each district superintendent serving an average of twenty-one (21) pastoral charges as against the average district superintendent of the Methodist Church serving an average of forty (40) pastoral charges, and,

WHEREAS, most of the salaries of the present five (5) district superintendents have to be supplemented from funds secured by means other than those primarily designated for that purpose in order for an adequate minimum salary to be realized, and,

WHEREAS, where the least salaries paid to the district superintendents are on the districts where more time should be given to training and supervision of the several charges found thereon, and where a continued effective leadership is mandatory for the growth of our Annual Conference, and,

WHEREAS, on most districts, there is a dire need for training, supervision, and methodizing many of the charges, especially in the rural vicinities, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for eliminating the oftentimes embarrassing situation wherein the district superintendent is placed in a position where he must preach in order to collect his "quarterage," and,

WHEREAS, paragraph 140 of the Discipline of the Methodist Church, 1952, states, "there shall be held for each pastoral charge a first and fourth Quarterly Conference," and hence implies that the second and third Quarterly Conference are optional and should be held only where needed, and more time should be allowed our district superintendents to give immediate supervision to the needy charges of the Conference, and,

WHEREAS, paragraph 431 (3) of the same Methodist Discipline provides that the Annual Conference shall determine the number of districts;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Louisiana Annual Conference shall be comprised of four (4) districts, effective at the beginning of the Conference year, 1955-56, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the said four (4) district superintendents shall receive equal salaries, effective at the same time as the above, the said salaries to be paid through the Conference Treasury and supervised by the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, in conformity with paragraph 801 of the 1952 Methodist Discipline, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the presiding officer be requested to appoint a committee that shall study and devise a plan to fully comply with the meaning of the resolution, the said committee to report at the next Annual Conference.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Bishop King and Members of the Conference:

Your Board of Education comes to give an account of its work for the year 1953-1954. The work that you have committed to our hands is a high trust. Therefore, we have endeavored to make Christian Education the focal point in every local church. No local church can hope to reach its fullest fruition that neglects its church school program. What our church will be tomorrow will depend upon the kind of Christian Education program they have today. With this fact in mind, your Board has worked diligently to develop a program of Christian nurture within the Conference.

Work of the Staff

There was a great loss in our staff when our full-time Executive Secretary, Rev. S. C. Walker, was translated into the life eternal last August. However, he had done a great job in Christian Education during the months preceding his decease. He visited local churches, helping them to achieve a greater understanding of the educational work of the church. He also presented the cause of Christian Education in various district and sub-district meetings. He met with the Conference, District, and Sub-District staffs, counselling with them regarding the kind of program that could be carried out in their particular areas of work. He conducted four Vacation Church School workshops during the first few weeks of the Conference year. At Gulfside last summer he conducted one of the finest Methodist Youth Fellowship Assemblies ever held in the Conference. He also did a wonderful job in promoting the Jurisdictional Leadership training School and the Area Recreational Workshop and Young Adult Assembly. Through Rev. Walker's leadership, a fine delegation of youths was selected and prepared to participate in the NYF Officers' Workshop at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas. With the passing of Rev. Walker, we lost a great leader in Christian Education. We are most grateful to Mrs. Walker for the fine report she prepared for us regarding the work of her husband and his plans for the rest of the year.

We are most appreciative of the work of some of our volunteer staff. Revs. E. A. Mays and N. P. Perry took joint responsibility for the promotion of Christian Education during the remainder of the year, following the decease of Rev. Walker. They have been in every district emphasizing the program of Christian Education in District Conferences and other district and sub-district meetings. In children's work, the following ladies have made fine contributions: Mrs. J. E. Brown, Mrs. Evelyn Thomas, Mrs. Laura Burns, Mrs. Ardelia Scott, Misses Ethel Alston and Marion Johnson. In the field of Youth Work, fine contributions have been made by Mrs. Bennie Transpers, Mrs. Katie Cooper, Mrs. Clytie Perry, Mrs. E. S. Johnson, Mrs. Chaney Prevost, Mrs. Julia Smith, Mrs. Alvin Eames, Rev. R. W. Calvin, Joseph Davis, and Oliver Brown.

Leadership Training

Leadership training is a most vital phase of our program. It is not enough just to recruit persons for positions of leadership in our local churches. We must also equip them with the skills and techniques which will enable them to do the jobs well to which they are committed. In order to help local churches train their workers and members, Christian Workers' Schools were held at New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Denham Springs, Alexandria, Bastrop, Shreveport, and Mansfield. There were 393 Workers enrolled, receiving 271 course cards of recognition. Four

new deans and seven new instructors were accredited to teach in these schools. There were 12 persons from our Conference in attendance at the Jurisdictional Leadership Training School, all receiving course cards of recognition. We also had more than 30 persons in attendance at the Area Recreational Workshop. There were eight Vacation Church School Workshops held in the Conference this year, including the four conducted by the late Rev. S. C. Walker, for the purpose of coaching local church workers in planning and preparing for Vacation Church School work. Workshops were held in New Orleans, Baldwin, New Iberia, Baton Rouge, Monroe, Shreveport. A total of 213 workers were enrolled in these meetings.

Institutes and Assemblies

A most successful Methodist Youth Fellowship Assembly was held at Gulfside last summer, with more than 117 youth in attendance. Two sub-district NYF Institutes were held on the Baton Rouge District. The Lake Charles and Shreveport District each had a very fine mid-year Youth Assembly. A total of 225 youth were reached through these district and sub-district meetings. A one-day intermediate Institute was held in New Orleans in December, under the leadership of Mrs. E. S. Johnson. A large number of intermediates were present. This is a new feature in youth work for the New Orleans District.

Student Work

Student work is one phase of our program that has been neglected, due to the lack of funds to promote it. However, it is very gratifying to note that there are active Methodist Student Organizations at Southern University and Dillard University. The following are some of the activities of the group at Southern University:

- Welcoming party for Freshman Class and other new students.
- Installation Service at Camphor Memorial Church, Scotlandville.
- Reception for Vesper Speaker, Dr. Rassmusen.
- Thanksgiving basket distribution to needy families.
- Annual Vesper Program.
- Preparation of toys for Blunden Orphan Home.
- Delegates to National Methodist Student Conference.
- Reception for guest Vesper Speaker, Rev. Julius Scott, Jr.
- Participated in Campus-wide Religious Emphasis Week.

The Methodist Student Movement at Dillard University, with Mrs. Edna L. Williams as faculty counselor and Miss Shirley Williams as president, has a membership of more than 150 students. The following activities represent the kind of program that is being executed:

Four Methodist Students served in the Methodist Summer Programs at Detroit; Jamaica, New York; Boston; and Gulfside.

- Three delegates to National Methodist Student Conference.
- Participation in Religious Emphasis Week.
- Lenten Candlelight Service.
- Cooperation with Tulane-Newcomb Wesley Foundation.

Promoted programs for visitations of Dr. Ralph Dodge and Miss Margaret Smith of our Board of Missions.

Assisted Dr. Charles F. Golden in securing three students for 1954 summer work projects in Dallas, Houston, and Beaumont, Texas.

Staff for 1954-1955

We recommend the following staff for the Conference year 1954-1955:

Full time Executive Secretary of Christian Education—E. A. Mays.
 Volunteer Director of Children's Work—Miss Marion Johnson.
 Volunteer Director of Youth Work—Oliver Brown.
 Volunteer Director of Intermediate Work—Mrs. Julia Smith.
 Volunteer Director of Adult Work—Nathaniel P. Perry.
 Volunteer Director of Audio Visual Aids—C. T. Wethers.
 Associate in Audio Visual Aids—J. C. Calvin.

Expenditures for 1953-1954

Salary for Executive Secretary		\$1,200.00
Office Expenses:		
Rev. S. C. Walker	\$206.18	
Acting Executive Secretary	194.00	704.17
Traveling Expenses:		
Rev. S. C. Walker	107.00	
Volunteer Workers	293.17	
Board Chairman	110.00	
Acting Executive Secretary	194.00	704.17
Promotion, Institutes, Cultivation:		
Rev. S. C. Walker	257.17	
Acting Executive Secretary	10.00	
Methodist Student Movement at Dillard.....	140.82	407.99
Donation to Mrs. S. C. Walker		900.00
Grand Total		<u>\$3,561.38</u>

Recommendations

That every local church will make plans to have a Vacation Church School this summer.

2. That every local church will continue the emphasis on Evangelism in the church school and training for church membership.

3. That the Youth Emphasis Calendar will be vigorously followed by every local church, and that there will be promotion of the Youth Emphasis by the Conference, District, and Sub-district staffs.

4. That we will continue to recruit youth and young adults for full-time church vocations.

5. That every local church will work hard to raise its full quota for Christian Education, using the Fourth Sunday and Church School Rally Day as a means of securing the same.

6. That every local church will observe Student Recognition Day the last Sunday in December with an appropriate program and the lifting of a free-will offering for the Conference Board of Education, to be used by the Board for the promotion of Student work in the several colleges in the State.

Faithfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,

E. A. Mays, Chairman

N. P. Perry,
Acting Executive Secretary.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF EVANGELISM

The past Conference year has brought some encouraging results in our evangelistic endeavors. Approximately 1,564 new members have joined our churches since the last Annual Conference. Nevertheless, we have not extended ourselves far enough in soul-winning and Kingdom building.

The Conference Secretary of Evangelism has served in every district during the year, preaching, conducting Evangelistic Visitation Missions, working with young people for Christian Vocations, and participating in Seminars on Stewardship. The membership in all of our churches must be increased tremendously if we would keep pace with other community denominations. Our ministers and laymen should not harbor a doubtful attitude by feeling that "It cannot be done." The attitude should be, "We can do all things through Christ, who strengthens us."

Under the leadership of Bishop King we must regroup our forces to build a greater Methodism, with large numbers of new members, to prove a definite emphasis on guiding young men into the Methodist ministry, and to sponsor an all-out effort to deepen the spiritual life of all our members.

We recommend for 1954-55:

1. That the "Keep Christ in Christmas" emphasis be adhered to in every congregation. This is to be done by making Advent a special season for evangelism. Use Christmas Sunday for the reception of new members.

2. That the "Four Nights for God" pattern of visitation evangelism be carried on some time during the year, in addition to the other evangelistic efforts. We believe that it has tremendous possibilities.

3. That every pastor will use diligently the following Membership Manuals with all new members, and request the reading of the manuals by the other members of the congregation during the year:

- (a) Membership Manual of the Methodist Church for Pastors—W. Emory Hartman.
- (b) Membership Manual of the Methodist Church for Teen-agers—Leila Bagley.
- (c) Membership Manual of the Methodist Church for Young People and adults—James S. Chubb.

We feel that the thousands of boys and girls, youth and adults joining our churches need adequate training if they are to be Christians

and active church members.

4. That all our churches and people participate in the **1955 Church Attendance Crusade**—"God Is Our Strength"—"Attend Church Every Week, Pray Every Day." This is a timely emphasis for our day.

5. That our Pastors and congregations continue the preaching Missions, scheduled revivals, and Spiritual Life Clinics.

6. That the literature, promotional procedures, and materials of the General Board of Evangelism be utilized to the fullest extent.

Signed: R. S. Taylor

O. V. Cooper

G. E. Zilton

Richard W. Calvin

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TEMPERANCE

Bishop King and Members of the Conference:

We, the members of the Board of Temperance, wish to make the following report of our activities in the cause of temperance for the year 1953-1954, and also to present to you our plan of action for the ensuing year for your approval.

The coming of the esteemed and renowned Bishop to guide us in our endeavors has been a great supporting factor to the cause of temperance in the Louisiana Conference. The length, breadth, and height of the problem of intemperance is expressed in terms of the number of individuals affected by it in our social order. For example, if you remember, it was stated in a report of one District Superintendent that a member of our Conference, his wife, and his child were seriously injured in a wreck caused by a white fellow driving under the influence of liquor. Inasmuch as this accident occurred among us, we, therefore, should be aware of this menace to society and do all that we can to combat this evil force with the principles of Christianity as a shield and weapon.

There were two seminars held in the Louisiana Conference during this year: one on the Franklin District, at St. James Methodist Church, New Iberia, Louisiana; and another on the Lake Charles District, at Opelousas, Louisiana, during the District Conference, under the leadership of your chairman, highlighted by efficient resource persons, such as Dr. O. V. Cooper, Mrs. J. F. Johnson, Rev. W. T. Handy, Jr., Mrs. Roger Transpers, and Rev. E. J. Wise.

The number of commitments received from charges this year is 1,334. The District Secretary of Temperance of the Baton Rouge District, Rev. T. R. Albert, attended the temperance meeting in Washington, where he received valuable information which was very helpful to the Board. We hope that you recognize the seriousness of the problem, and will provide your untiring support in the ensuing year.

Recommendations

1. That during each session of the District Conference held each year, a District Secretary will attend another district conference in addition to his own and hold seminars on the district that he will visit.

2. That the Conference Chairman and District Secretary will be sent to the Methodist School of Alcohol Studies and Christian Action, July 5-9, 1954, at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio.

3. That the Commission on World Service and Finance will provide adequate finance for the support of the Board for these worthy causes.

4. That we make wider distribution of temperance literature and audio-visual aids in each local church.

5. That there shall be a Board of Temperance in each local church.

Thanks should be given the Board for their wholehearted cooperation, and to the District Superintendents for their support in matters pertaining to the Board of Temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Johnson, Chairman

G. B. Robinson

Miss Doretha Brown

R. S. Taylor

Frank Robinson

C. O. Greene

Donald Frank

J. D. McCrory

Miss Eva Page

W. D. Martin

LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESERVE PENSION PLAN COMMITTEE REPORT

Amount on hand, beginning of Annual Conference, deposited with Board of Pensions	\$21,718.72
Amount raised during this Conference year.....	14,011.23
Amount to be reported on Saturday morning.....	5,281.66
Amount on hand at end of this Conference	\$41,011.61
Recapitulation	
Amount needed to enter plan	\$60,000.00
Amount on hand to date	41,011.61
Needed to enter Reserve Pension Plan	18,988.39
Suggested Plan to Enter Reserve Pension Plan 1955	
Amount to be raised from 15% (Conference claims).....	\$5,900.00
Amount to be raised from the charges for Reserve Pension Fund	14,000.00
Amount to be raised from 2% contributions.....	1,500.00
Amount from Advance Specials	2,650.00
Total	\$24,050.00

The Reserve Pension Fund quota in each charge is to be raised by the Ministers' Wives and Laymen of the church through the cooperation of the District Superintendents, Pastors and District Board of Lay Activities. The general guidance and leadership is to be given by our Resident Bishop and the Board of Pensions.

Respectfully submitted,

RESERVE PENSION PLAN COMMITTEE,

L. M. Johnson, Chairman

Robert D. Hill, Secretary

W. T. Handy, Sr.

T. R. W. Harris

E. J. Wise

Mrs. E. S. Johnson

W. C. Haywood

Mrs. W. B. Clark

E. A. Mays

J. R. Patterson

R. W. Calvin

Will Evans

R. S. Taylor

E. J. Hines

Mrs. Hulda Tatum

BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS
Louisiana Annual Conference—May 18-23, 1954
FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT

Receipts

Balance previous year	\$ 2,585.33
Pastoral charges on apportionment	11,907.97
Illinois Corporation (estimated)	1,150.00
Board of Pensions: Chartered Fund	65.00
Appropriation—Illinois Corporation	1,722.00
Due from Clearinghouse	350.00
Methodist Publishing House	1,871.22
2% Pastors' Salary R. P. F.	1,445.19
Ministers' Wives	
From charges R. P. F.	5,613.55
From charges on appointment R. P. F.	5,952.49
Miscellaneous Laymen	1,000.00
Total Receipts	\$33,659.78

Prospective Disbursements

Regular Conference Claimants: Preachers	\$ 6,840.00
Widows	10,238.00
Children	530.00

Total regular annuity	\$17,608.00
Special Conference Claimants, on basis of service	487.00
Increase rate above Clearinghouse	25.00
Pastors' 2% R. P. F.	1,445.19
From Charges R. P. F.	5,613.55
From Charges on appointment R. P. F.	1,000.00
Prospective balance	1,528.52

Total prospective disbursements **\$33,659.75**

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
May 18, 1954

Mount Zion Methodist Church
New Orleans, Louisiana

Bishop King, Pastors, Laymen, and Friends of the Conference:

The following is the report of the Louisiana Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension.

The Executive Board has met four times to fix appropriations, check on loans and gifts, and prepare to meet any other duties of the Board. With the help of Dr. Charles Golden, the Board has been able to carry on its work in a fine way. The following amounts have been received from the General Board this Conference year:

May 20, 1953	\$ 587.47
June 20, 1953	670.82
July 20, 1953	670.86
August 20, 1953	670.82
September 20, 1953	670.82
October 20, 1953	670.86
November 20, 1953	670.82
December 20, 1953	670.82
January 20, 1954	670.86
February 20, 1954	670.82
March 20, 1954	670.82
April 20, 1954	670.86

\$7,966.65

Recommendations

1. Activation of Commissions on Missions in every local church to promote the work on a local and district level.
2. The necessity of giving of Specials for the support of people of foreign lands, as well as Oklahoma Indians, South Americans and Alaskans.
3. Assist in the support of scholarships for students to Gammon Theological Seminary.
4. To encourage more of our young people to train for Mission Work.
5. Renewed interest in the Mission Field in Africa, and Whole-hearted support to any African mission need that our own Bishop King may recommend.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

Ministers

N. P. Perry
LeRoy Fields
W. T. Handy, Sr.
T. E. McElroy
N. H. Baker
A. D. Edwards
J. S. Dickson
T. R. Wallace
G. E. Zilton
C. E. Castain

Laymen

Mrs. J. E. Washburn
Mr. George Mack
Mrs. Ethel Thomas
Mrs. Bertha Verdine
Mr. T. L. Miller
Mr. J. R. Patterson
Mrs. Doretha Combre
Mrs. Melvina Whitloe
Mrs. Laura Williams

R. M. Brown, Chairman
Dr. O. V. Cooper, Secretary
W. C. Haywood, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SECRETARY

May 18, 1954

Bishop King and Members of the Conference:

I wish to make this, my report as Conference Missionary Secretary.

In this day when the foundations of our world order seem to be trembling, we hear certain scientific voices crying in the wilderness: "One world or none!" We are living in a world in which there seems to be two spheres of influence, wherein two conflicting philosophies are at each others throats; namely, Communism and Christianity. Communism is crying out, "There is no God." Christianity, on the other hand, is proclaiming, "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God."

The Board of Missions of the Louisiana Annual Conference, through its Conference Missionary Secretary, will not agree with the latter part of Hamlet's statement: "O cursed spite, that I was born to set it right." We view the church as being the agency through which God hopes to set the world right. If He does not do it through the church, what agency is there through which He can set the world right? Our local Board has worked diligently during the year with the General Board of Missions, which Board is leaving no stones unturned to do its part in setting the world right. We can hear again the voice of the late Dr. Ralph E. Diefendoffer as he cried out, "Now or never!"

The Secretary this year has, during the year, done some travel across the Conference in the interest of the work. He accompanied Bishop King to several of our District Conferences, namely, the Franklin and Shreveport Districts. Ours has been the responsibility to serve as a promoter, through the District Superintendents, of all of the interests of the church. As a result, we are happy to report that all of our budget has been raised, and there has been an upturn in many other matters financial. While we have been interested in sending out literature, provided by the Board, conducting District Institutes, etc., we have done what we consider of far more value; namely, we have stressed the need of personnel. We have tried to challenge the youth with the idea of full-time service in a church vocation. At our Conference Missionary Institute, held at Bogalusa, Louisiana, April, 1954, the program was built with that in mind. All agree that there is need for volunteers for the mission field. The field is wide open.

Rev. J. C. Calvin was the main speaker. He lifted up opportunities the church offers in the field of Christian Vocations. Mrs. King, wife of our Bishop, also appeared on our District Conference program. She also stressed this need for missionary personnel. The hope is that, as a result of such appeals, the Louisiana Annual Conference will have some of its youth say, "I'll go." While the Missionary Program of Methodism must be financed, it, at the same time, must be worked. The cry has been made across the year, "Lord, send us laborers into the vineyard."

Thanks should be extended to the District Missionary Secretaries; namely, Baton Rouge, J. D. McCrory; Franklin, J. S. Dickson; Lake Charles, C. T. Wethers; New Orleans, William R. London, Jr.; and Shreveport, J. C. Calvin, for the cooperation they have given on their several districts in the promotion of the work of the great missionary enterprise of our great and grand Methodism. May God use it in these distressing days to help set the world right.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Talbot Handy, Sr.

A PROPOSED BUDGET RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE FOR THE CONFERENCE YEAR 1954-1955

THE COMMISSION'S WORK SHEET

I. ADMINISTRATION:

General Administration

General Administration Fund	\$ 561.00
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	448.00
Jurisdictional Conference Expense Fund	278.00
Total	\$1,287.00

Area Administration

The Area Budget	\$1,320.00
New Orleans Area Pastors' School (Three Weeks)	770.00
Publicity	110.00
Total	\$2,200.00

Conference Administration

Conference Treasurer	\$ 600.00
Statistician's Office	100.00
Secretary's Office	200.00
Conference Board of Lay Activities	500.00
Conference Journal	800.00
Conference Commission on World Service and Finance	50.00
Conference Missionary Secretary	100.00
Conference Board of Missions	100.00
Ministers' Wives Retreat	400.00
Bond for Treasurer	25.00
Audit of Treasurer's Account	50.00
Miscellaneous Items	300.00
Conference Secretary of Evangelism	50.00
Conference Board of Temperance	40.00
Total	\$3,315.00

II. BENEVOLENCES:**General**

World Service Apportionment	\$12,187.34
Total	\$12,187.34

Annual Conference Benevolences

Dillard University	\$ 5,000.00
Christian Education	1,600.00
Gulfside Association	880.00
Mobile Unit and Area Secretary	673.00
Total	\$ 8,153.00

Recapitulation

General Administration	\$ 1,287.00
Area Administration	2,200.00
Conference Administration	3,275.00
General Benevolences	12,187.34
Annual Conference Benevolences	8,153.00

Grand Total \$27,102.34

Note: 1953-54 Budget \$30,599.34
 1954-55 Budget 27,102.34

Budget reduced in 1954-55 \$ 3,497.00

Ministerial Support Items

1. Conference Claimants Fund, on the basis of 15% of Pastors' Cash Salary.

2. Episcopal Fund, on the basis of 2% of the Pastor's Cash Salary.

Recommendations

1. World Service Funds: The fourth Sunday of each month shall be observed as World Service Sunday, with a suitable program of missionary education in the local church, and a collection for World Service and Christian Education.

2. We accept 22% of the Area Budget as our established quota of benevolences.

3. That the distribution ratio shall be 49.6% for General and Conference benevolences, and 50.4% for the Area and Conference and Area Administration.

4. That out of the 15% raised for Conference Claimants, 10% shall be for immediate distribution, 4% for Reserve Pension Fund, and 1% for Retired Supply Pastors.

5. Thanks should be extended to the Ministers' Wives Association for the excellent service they have given this cause across the years in the interest of this Fund, and that we solicit their continued interest until the \$90,000.00 goal has been reached. We note that they have on a special effort to raise \$10,000.00. It is our hope that they will succeed, but in the event they do not reach the goal, we trust that they will continue until it is reached.

6. That the Budget of \$27,102.34 be adopted for the 1954-55 Conference year, for the General Annual Conference, and Area causes, with reports to be made at Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, Race Relations, and Easter. Easter will complete the entire Budget, and each collection will be divided according to the percentage that each item represents in the budget.

7. We recommend that the matter of fixing the District Superintendents' Salary be left in the hands of the District Stewards and Pastors' Council for the several districts. It is also recommended that the item formerly referred to as the District Superintendent's Travel shall now be referred to as the District Superintendent's Subsidy. This item shall be looked after and carried as one of the Conference Initiated Specials. (See the report of the Advance Committee).

8. That we approve the reports being brought in by the several agencies that are to follow: the Conference Claimants Board, the Advance Committee, the Reserve Pension Fund Committee. These agencies held a joint meeting with the Commission on World Service and Finance so as to present a plan of operation in connection with raising the amount needed to enter the Reserve Pension Plan. This amount is said to be \$60,000.00. The reports of these several committees represent joint action. It is understood that the remaining \$30,000.00 needed to make the \$90,000.00 will be raised later. We will continue this campaign until we reach the goal of \$90,000.00.

9. That we strongly urge the pastors to pay the 2% of the Pastor's Cash Salary, as was adopted by the Conference, which is understood as the pastors' share in raising the \$90,000.00.

10. That we instruct the Conference Treasurer to remit the percentage of all funds due to the proper place after each Roll Call.

Objectives

1. To cooperate with the program adopted by the General Conference with special emphasis on the observance of the Week of Dedication. The goal is that there shall be an observance of the day, not only in each charge, but in every local church of the Conference.

2. To raise the World Service and all other askings of the General Conference sent down to us by the General Council on World Service and Finance.

Supplementary Statement

It is expected that the audit of the Treasurer's books shall be made not less than forty days after the adjournment of the Annual Conference by a Certified Public Accountant, and that upon receipt of such an audit by the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, the Council will have a copy of the audit published in the Conference

Journal. It is expected that the Treasurer's books shall be prepared for audit, and the Commission is to have the books audited.

The breakdown of the remaining part of the budget for Christian Education, which is \$3,621.00, shall be made to the several church schools for Christian education, as has been done in previous years. The above amount is the same as listed in last year's budget for the same cause. It is observed that \$1,600.00 of the Christian Education budget is written as a part of the Annual Conference Budget.

According to the Treasurer's report to the Conference, the following is the status of the finances of the Conference:

Recapitulation

Amount brought forward from last year.....	\$ 45,750.43
Receipts for this year	106,663.43
Total amount to be accounted for	152,413.86
Disbursements for the year	147,093.43
Balance on hand	\$ 5,320.43

Respectfully submitted,

W. Talbot Handy, Sr., Chairman
J. R. Patterson, Secretary

Dr. O. V. Cooper
L. M. Johnson
Walter Gowdy
Frances Badgett
Mrs. O. B. Medlock
R. D. Hill
J. E. Brown
P. M. Jones
G. E. Zilton
T. R. Albert

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE LAY LEADER

To Bishop and Mrs. King, the District Superintendents, Pastors, and the entire laity of the Louisiana Annual Conference:

Had I the tongue of men and angels, I could not adequately express my appreciation and sincere thanks to the Bishop, the Board, and the entire Conference for the opportunity they have given me in the past Conference year to serve as Conference Lay Leader. Again, I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Bishop King, the District Superintendents, and the Pastors for sharing with me the wealth of their experiences; and to the District, Associate District, and Charge Lay Leaders for their inspiration and devotion to the task of Lay Activities. Many of them have been brothers beloved, whose generosity and thoughtfulness have prompted them to help carry a part of my load in addition to their own, both in office and other meetings where we have been thrown together.

To the ladies of and on the various districts who have worked so efficiently and willingly, and to all who have cooperated with me and given me opportunities for real service during the past Conference year, I render my heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation. Since the adjourning of the last Annual Conference, I have given exactly thirty days of my time to the cause of Lay Activities.

Recommendations

1. The cultivation of Christian Stewardship, pensions, and relief through the recruitment in the local church of workers willing to give of their time and ability.
2. The cultivation and promotion of Christian Tithing.
3. The training of leaders in the local churches:
 - a. Charge lay leaders.
 - b. Members of the Stewardship Committee.
 - c. Officers and committee chairmen of Methodist Men.
 - d. Members of the Commission on Finance.
- 4 Setting the Methodist Men to work.
 - a. Arousing the manpower of the church.
 - b. Deepening personal and religious life through the recruitment and training of men.
5. Cooperation with all phases of the church's program, especially in jobs suited to men in the fields of stewardship, evangelism, education, missions, pensions, and relief.
6. Adequate support of the ministry. We recommend that the charges that have not increased their pastors' salaries ask for an increase of not less than 4%; and that this increase also be given the District Superintendents.

Financial Report

Printing—James Carney & Son	\$123.50
District Lay Leaders:	
Baton Rouge—L. M. Johnson	18.00
Lake Charles—Dr. O. V. Cooper	18.00
New Orleans—Oscar Jamison	12.50
Shreveport—R. A. Thomas	8.00
Travel, telegrams, flowers, stenographic help—J. R. Patterson.....	138.50
Total disbursed by the Board	\$318.50
Budget allowed by the Council on W. S. & F.	300.00
Difference due Conference Lay Leader	\$ 18.50

To Bishop and Mrs. King, the Board of Lay Activities would have me say that we are glad to have you with us. We know you not only as our Bishop, but as a Christian gentleman and lady. We promise you our wholehearted support throughout your stay, and we hope it will be a long stay.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Patterson, Conference Lay Leader.

REPORT OF PEOPLES' METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER

To the Louisiana Conference the Methodist Church, Central Jurisdiction,
Bishop Willis J. King and Brothers:

The story of the Peoples' Methodist Community Center is one of figures of finance and figures of attendance. After you study these figures, we shall attempt to illustrate and to evaluate them in terms of human need, human assistance, and human inspiration.

Our Finance

Receipts	Annual Total	Approved for the year
Community Chest	\$13,960.00	\$13,960.00
The Center's Fees	8,392.09	5,840.00
Board of Missions, the Methodist Church	3,800.00	3,600.00
The Woman's Division of Christian Service.....	2,090.65	1,800.00
Other Gifts	341.00	300.00
Total Receipts	\$28,583.74	\$25,500.00
Total Expenditures	28,468.20	
Balance, 12-31-53	\$ 115.54	

Summary of Activities
(Calendar Year 1953)

Activities	Registration	Sessions	Total Attendance
Day Nursery	116	303	14,268
Kindergarten, Primary Grades	93	180	10,604
Clinics		100	5,020
Teenage and Junior Clubs	144	84	3,341
Adult Clubs	41	24	397
Regular General Activities		210	5,672
Special Events		18	4,473
Outside Groups Using Facilities.....		63	4,728
Total	394	982	48,503

Our Greatest Expansion

Constant use of our facilities by groups and organizations of both races and many interests reflect the vital role the Center plays in the social life of New Orleans. It is also evident that the funds invested by the Methodist Church, the Community Chest (United Fund), and Special Donors are serving an ever expanding need in the community. Please observe the following:

Organization	Number of Sessions
Area Meeting on Christian Education (Bishop Brooks).....	1
Cosmopolitan Club	1
Court of Calanthe	1
First Street Methodist Church	2
Haven Methodist Church	1
Junior League of New Orleans*	1
Lafon Public School Parent-Teacher Association	1
Methodist Preacher Meeting	2
Mount Zion Methodist Church	1
New Orleans District Board of Christian Education.....	2
New Orleans District Intermediates	1
New Orleans District M. Y. F.	13
New Orleans District W. S. C. S.	8
New Orleans District Young Adults	1
Parker Memorial Methodist Church*	1
Peoples' Methodist Church	23
Practical Nurses' Association	9
Rainbow Girls	1
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority	1
Saint Luke Methodist Church*	2
Trinity Methodist Church	2
Wedding and Birthday Reception	4

*White friends.

MEETING GRAVE NEEDS

(From the files of Miss D. L. Barnette, our Social Worker)

Case Story

Mrs. Holmes, mother of three children, came to us sorely distressed lest her children drift into delinquency for lack of care and supervision. Her fears were well-founded, for she was forced to work after a separation from her husband three or four years earlier. Two of her children were in public school, but the platoon system and crowded condition permitted only two or three hours care per day. Out of school at 12:00 noon, with no one at home to help or care, what mischief could not a young boy or girl get into? And her daughter, Ruth, did get into mischief. At fourteen she became an unwed mother.

It was then that Mrs. Holmes came to the Center and told us her story. While the mother worked, the children were kept by an aunt who was not greatly concerned about their welfare. The oldest child, Ruth, fourteen years old, and her brother, George, were in public school from nine until twelve noon. After school hours, they were seldom at home, and their youngest sister, the baby, aged four, was entertaining herself at home or running up and down the streets near her home. Ruth's trouble began. Said the mother, "My son seems to be headed in the wrong direction already, and my baby daughter is in danger. I don't want her to turn out like her sister. Won't you please take them in your nursery, so that they may receive care and guidance during and after school hours?"

We did take them in, and already George is improving. He is learning manners, morals, religion, and other things that go with them. His baby sister has become well adjusted, and the two children are extremely happy. Recently George remarked to his mother, "I like that Center because you get good food there." His mother now goes to work contented and with the assurance that her children are receiving the proper care.

Recent Events

The reception of welcome for Bishop and Mrs. Willis J. King, held in our Community Hall this spring, was the crowning event of our year's program. More than nine hundred persons were present. Among the speakers were Bishop Robert E. Jones, Bishop Alexander P. Shaw, Mayor de Lesseps S. Morrison, Dr. A. W. Dent, Colonel A. Bruce Hay of the United Fund, Dr. Prince A. Taylor, Attorney W. W. Young, Dr. Robert F. Harrington, Dr. W. T. Handy, Sr., and other prominent leaders.

The Holsum Bakeries, Inc. gave the annual banquet for its Negro employees and their families here. The affair made many new friends for the Center from both racial groups.

Our basketball team won thirteen of its eighteen games against top competition.

Our Dramatic Club of teenagers presented successfully the play, "Mushrooms Coming Up."

Approximately a score of civic and religious groups have made scheduled visits to see the Center at work.

First class approval has been given the Center by the State Department of Public Welfare, the New Orleans Health Department, and the New Orleans Fire Department.

Our Gratitude

The seventeen members of our staff express the warmest appreciation to the Louisiana Conference, the Community Chest, the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, the Woman's Division of Christian Service, the Board of Directors, and the host of friends for their support and interest through the years.

Richard W. Calvin,
Superintendent.

ANNUAL REPORT LAFON PROTESTANT OLD FOLKS HOME

Louisiana Annual Conference, Mr. President and Members of the Conference:

Years do come and years also go, but proverbially the Lafon Protestant Old Folks Home, since 1867, has had a record of continuous service. From its humble beginning eighty-seven years ago, there has been the longest period of unbroken service to humanity of any Negro institution in the State of Louisiana, the Methodist Church, and perhaps the nation. We pride ourselves in this long record only because we have continued to meet the changing demands of each succeeding generation.

It has been in the past twenty years that social agencies, medicine, and government have begun to give serious consideration to the care of the aged. Our aging population is the nation's most pressing problem in human welfare. Your Home has been able to contribute much to the contentment of its resident population through our religious activities and the many social and recreational programs presented in the Chapel and on the lawn. Several of the residents are members of and take an active part in the Brooks Methodist Church. One side of the church near the altar is reserved for "wheel chair attendants," who regularly take their places with the congregation.

The past year has been an unusually difficult one, due to the numerous deaths in our resident population, which has reflected itself in our over-all income. The Home operates in a very unusual manner; that is, without constituency support, which makes it one of the few institutions in the Methodist Church to so operate. The hospitals, children's homes, deaconess homes, schools, homes for the aged, and all non-profit institutions are associated with some conference in a manner which gives at least token support. Our Conference should give serious consideration to such support to its only institution which does not get general church assistance. The Golden Cross enrollment is the means of such support. Many conferences where the Golden Cross enrollment is followed through are doing excellent work in the support of the institutions within their boundaries.

Our institution should give serious consideration to some plan for the establishment of some type of reserve fund. This fund should be established to meet emergencies and carry on the future development of the institution.

The Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church has recommended the study and modernization of all charters of associated institutions. Many charters had not been changed since the institutions were established; many of them do not meet present day standards or requirements. Our charter is one which should be studied carefully and brought up to date.

The aim of your Home is to serve its residents, whom we consider our guests. Last year we gave 15,695 days care, served 47,085 meals, and transported residents to Charity Hospital 109 times. The institution has in its employment fourteen people. Nursing service is given twenty-four hours a day, and is directed by a registered nurse and a part-time physician. Our budget for 1954 is \$45,620.00; \$42,900.00 to be earned by the Home and an appropriation of \$2,720.00 from the Community Chest. The budget is set up as outlined:

Income

Income	\$42,900.00
Community Chest Appropriation	2,720.00
Total	\$45,620.00

Expenditures Approved

Salaries	\$14,000.00
Wages	9,500.00
Stationery and Printing	50.00
Light and Power	1,600.00
House and Dormitory Supplies.....	700.00
Food	13,650.00
Medicine and Infirmary Supplies	750.00
Repairs and Replacements—New Equipment	2,500.00
.....	\$45,620.00

The books are audited annually by Ernst and Ernst, Certified Public Accountants.

Respectfully submitted,

C. O. Greene, Superintendent.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS AND HOMES

The Committee on Hospitals and Homes met May 21, 1954, at 2:00 P. M. at Mt. Zion Methodist Church and elected Rev. Robert D. Hill chairman and Rev. Nathaniel Williams secretary. The purpose of the meeting was to study the charter of the Lafon Old Folks Home and its relationship to the Louisiana Annual Conference, of which it is an integral part. In reading Section 3 of said charter very carefully, the following recommendations were made:

1. That according to the Charter, Section 3, a meeting will be held with four representatives from each of the churches in the city for the purpose of nominating and electing sixteen members of the Board of Controls, not later than thirty days succeeding the adjournment of the Annual Conference.

2. That eight, or one-third of the members of the Board of Controls of the Lafon Home, be nominated by the Cabinet and elected by the Annual Conference at this session.

3. That the Board of Managers, with a total membership of twenty-four, will meet not later than ten days after the Annual Convention for the purpose of electing the officers of the Board of Controls.

4. That the Resident Bishop shall be ex-officio chairman of the Board of Managers.

5. That the charter of the Lafon Old Folks Home be submitted

to the Board of Managers for study and revision in the light of present day needs and demands.

6. That following the Board of Managers' study and recommendations relative to needed revision of the Charter, it will then be submitted to Attorney W. W. Young for review of the legal aspects involved.

7. That a Golden Cross enrollment will take place annually during the month of May, and the monies realized earmarked for Hospitals and Homes under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathaniel Williams, Secretary
Robert D. Hill, Chairman
Hubbard Daniels
T. R. Wallace
Mrs. E. R. Thomas
Max R. Butler
E. C. Slater
J. E. Johnson
Mrs. Katie M. Cooper
Joseph R. Davis
C. O. Greene
Mrs. S. E. Rose

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Bishop King, Members of the Conference, Delegates and Friends:

We are very conscious of the great transformation that is taking place in the social, political, educational, and spiritual life of this country in general, and particularly in the South. We are also mindful of the recent decision handed down by the Supreme Court of America, stating that segregation in the United States is illegal; and, because of this important decision, there will be other gains made in the integration of our people in many places and positions, both in Church and State.

Therefore, be it resolved that we, as ministers and laymen, use every opportunity possible to promote racial good will between the race groups of each community where our churches are located, and that there will be a Committee on Social Action raised in every church, to work, through each organization of the church, for the purpose of promoting inter-racial good will, and for larger participation in the total life of the people who make up our community.

Very respectfully submitted for approval,

E. A. Mays

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON WORLD PEACE

Reverend Bishop and Members of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church:

Ours is a great mission to help establish in the world orderly and peaceful processes which embody humility, justice, and mercy in the society of the world, to establish world order and world peace. This is a great task and requires a deep sense of our calling and an adequate

understanding of the meaning of the Kingdom of God. Let us, as a Conference and as a people, endeavor to move in this direction, confessing humbly that we succeed only in a small part.

We are seeking a solution, but solutions seem impossible except as we are able to comprehend and, to some degree, release the Spirit of Christ and the power of God among men. To do this requires a full realization of the character and wonderful purposes of God, as we find them in life, spirit, and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. Imperative is the need to apply these to the international situation we face.

May we consider the purposes of our Board of World Peace as they have been published in our Discipline for many years:

1. To advance the Kingdom of our Lord.
2. To create the will for peace.
3. To help create the conditions of peace.
4. To help create the organization for peace.
5. To organize effective action in the church for the advancement of peace.

Respectfully submitted.

May 21, 1954

Mrs. Henry Bynum, Chairman

REPORT OF HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

New Orleans, La., May 18, 1954.

To Bishop Willis J. King, D. D., President Louisiana Conference, Central Jurisdiction the Methodist Church, Dear Fathers and Members:

Greetings! We, your Historical Committee of the Louisiana Conference here assembled, do hereby submit this, our report, and ask for its adoption:

Whereas, other annual conferences of the church see to it that the history of their conferences is written, printed, and thus preserved for future generations, and

Since the history of the Louisiana Conference is an enviable one, replete with facts and incidents worth recording for future generations, and

Realizing the great need for such a story, of which we are justly proud,

Be It Resolved, That we do hereby request the election of a duly authorized Conference Historian, who will, with the full cooperation of everyone, collect and edit, as far as possible, all the facts of every description pertaining to the history of the Louisiana Annual Conference, and publish the same while it is obtainable.

Because of his well-known knowledge of the full story of the Conference, we ask the Conference to elect the Reverend W. Scott Chinn, one of the retired members of the Conference, who, by family relation to the Annual Conference, we feel is eminently qualified to write its history, ably assisted by those of us capable of doing so.

With the hope and desire that the history of our Conference may

be thus preserved and made known to all, we submit this, our report, and ask its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. Albert
J. C. Calvin
L. M. Johnson

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Annual Conference met in an adjourned session and elected among its successors the following classes:

J. E. Brown	1955
E. J. Wise	1955
D. L. Davidson	1955
T. E. McElroy	1956
J. C. Bibbons	1956
G. E. Zilton	1956
C. E. Castain	1957
W. T. Handy, Sr.	1957
N. P. Perry	1957

The Louisiana Annual Conference met in corporate body on May 22, 1954. Minutes of the last meeting were referred to the Conference as printed in the Journal.

A report on the activities of the Board of Trustees since the last Annual Conference, concerning the purchase, occupancy, and repair of the Episcopal residence was read by the Secretary. (See report attached).

The Secretary also pointed out that every charge had received a letter of inquiry about abandoned property. Very few replies were received from the charges. Inquiry has been made about property located at Morganza and money in the bank at Oakdale, representing assets belonging to churches that no longer exist. Other such property reported to the Board include: Glenmore, Prairieville, and Welsh. The Board has asked cooperation of nearby pastors and the District Superintendent in helping to secure valid data regarding our claim to these assets.

After remarks, questions, and suggestions by the members, Bishop Willis J. King commended the Board of Trustees on the manner in which corporate matters have been handled for the Church.

There being no further business, the corporation was dissolved, sine die.

T. E. McElroy, Presiding
J. C. Bibbons, Secretary

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following is a report of the activities of the Board of Trustees, Louisiana Annual Conference, under whose supervision the Episcopal residence was purchased and is presently being maintained for occupancy by the Resident Bishop of the Area, Bishop Willis J. King.

On January 15, 1954, a meeting was called by the President, T. E. McElroy, for the purpose of transferring the property acquired from Bishop Robert N. Brooks. It was explained by Dr. W. T. Handy, Sr. that a resolution adopted on October 8, 1953, stipulated that the funds

raised by the five annual conferences of the Area, on deposit in the Progressive Bank and Trust Company in the amount of \$49,408.25, were earmarked "Episcopal Residence Fund." It was later discovered that \$10,799.41 should have been applied elsewhere, and this amount was deducted from the total, leaving a balance of \$38,608.84. Another fund was deposited in the National Bank of Commerce for Area Expense, in the amount of \$15,855.58. It was then found that there was an item of \$4,045.00, representing a payment from the Lafon Old Folks Home Building Fund, which was included in the deposit in the National Bank of Commerce. This amount was applied to the Episcopal Residence Fund, but the full payment had not been turned over to the fund.

The purchase price of the property amounts to \$42,653.84, which includes household furnishings and movable effects. These are listed in the Act of Sale, which is on deposit in the safe in the Bishop's office. The \$4,045.00 was added to the purchase price of the residence, making the total for which the Area Residence was purchased. The expense of the Act of Sale and lawyer's fees were paid by Mrs. Brooks.

However, in the report made by Dr. Handy, it was stated that there is a balance due Mrs. Brooks in the amount of \$4,045.00 (the same amount paid by the Lafon Old Folks Home). Plans were made to pay Mrs. Brooks at the rate of \$200.00 per month, until the debt is liquidated. It was brought out, however, that the rental money will now be paid to the Board of Trustees and should be used for the upkeep of the property.

In a meeting on April 7, 1954, the balance owed Mrs. Brooks was discussed. It was pointed out that rental for the Episcopal residence will be only \$1,800.00 per year, and that there are outstanding bills which must be paid for expense since acquisition of the property: Insurance for the property, \$500.00, paid; expense for maintenance, \$135.31. There is need also for many repairs to the property.

Bishop King suggested that ways and means be found whereby the balance owed Mrs. Brooks could be liquidated by Area Council. He also named a committee of three: T. E. McElroy, W. T. Handy, and J. C. Bibbons, to prepare a statement clearly explaining the use of funds. A report shall be prepared and presented to Area Conference concerning the stewardship of funds entrusted to the Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Trustees.

W. T. Handy suggested that the minutes of the Board of Trustees re Episcopal residence be kept separately. He also suggested that bids be secured to determine the cost of repairs to the residence. Immediate repairs will be cared for out of funds available to the Trustees. There is a trust fund in the treasury from which the cost of repairs can be borrowed. Motion was made by W. T. Handy, seconded by E. J. Wise, and carried.

Repairs to Episcopal Residence

Bid—John E. Jones, Contractor	\$1,687.00	
Purchase of Ruud Monel Water Heater	\$258.22	
Additional Work in Library	47.75	305.97
Total Cost of Job		\$1,992.97
Cash Available: Trust Fund—Board of Trustees.....	\$600.00	
Rent paid by General Church to date....	450.00	1,050.00
Balance Needed		\$ 942.97

Expenditures to Date

Purchase of Water Heater	\$ 258.22	
Payments to Contractor	1,139.75	
Total		\$1,397.97
Balance Due Contractor:		
Floor Sanding	\$245.00	
Cleaning Venetian Blinds	225.00	
Electrical Work	125.00	595.00
Total		\$1,992.97

Additional Items of Expense

Travel to Meeting:		
C. E. Castain	\$13.00	
J. E. Brown	15.00	
T. E. McElroy	6.00	
D. L. Davidson70	
Total		\$34.70
Expense of Secretary's Office:		
Supplies	\$ 6.00	
Stamps and Envelopes	5.00	
Transportation	4.50	
Total		\$15.50

It is understood that the loan of \$600.00 from the Trust Fund of the Board of Trustees will be replaced.

The members of the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Annual Conference have agreed that a copper plaque, designating "Episcopal Residence," should be installed on the post. We will welcome any donations from church organizations to pay for this plaque.

T. E. McElroy requested permission of the Louisiana Conference Board of Trustees to allow the Trustees of Houma Church to enter a pool for oil lease. Permission was given on motion by E. J. Wise, seconded by J. E. Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. McElroy, President
 J. C. Bibbons, Secretary
 E. J. Wise
 D. L. Davidson
 P. M. Jones
 C. E. Castain
 A. M. Taylor
 J. E. Brown
 G. E. Zilton

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES

The Committee on Courtesies wishes to express gratitude and thanks to Bishop Willis J. King for the very excellent leadership and for the manner in which he presided over the Conference; and to Mrs. King for her presence and kind remarks. Thanks are extended also to Bishop R. E. Jones for his presence and remarks.

Gratitude and appreciation are extended to the Host District Superintendent, Dr. W. T. Handy, Sr.; the Host Pastor, Rev. Robert D. Hill; and the membership of Mt. Zion Methodist Church. The Committee wishes also to thank the choirs of Trinity, Haven, Williams, First Street, Peck, Wesley, Philip Memorial, and Mt. Zion Churches and Dillard University for the splendid singing which they contributed to the Conference. Thanks are further extended to all of the representatives of the General Board for their presence and contributions.

The Committee is grateful to the Ministers' Wives for their efforts and contributions to the Reserve Pension Fund. In this connection, a special statement of appreciation and thanks is given Mrs. Downs for her most wonderful recital, which was her contribution to this cause; and to Mr. L. M. Johnson, Lay Leader of the Baton Rouge District, for his leadership in backing a drive which netted \$1,000.00 for the Reserve Pension Fund.

Finally, the Committee wishes to thank the reporters of the press for their excellent news coverage, and everyone who helped to make the Louisiana Annual Conference for 1954 a success.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Calvin, Chairman
Lonnie Cook, Secretary
T. R. Albert
Ellis Dyson
A. L. Hook

DUTIES OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Whereas, the rules of the Conference call for a Nominating Committee under the Conference Rules of Order, and stipulate that a Nominating Committee consisting of ministers and laymen—two from each district and three at large—shall nominate members of committees, boards, and commissions, whose term of office shall be from the close of the Conference session at which time they were elected to the close of the following Conference, et cetera.

Be it Resolved, That this rule be observed and the Nominating Committee be so elected and thus serve as indicated; and that part of the rules obtain which says that every member will serve on one of these committees, and that no member shall serve on more than two committees as designed.

I move its adoption.

Signed: Walter Scott Chinn

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

May, 1954

IN MEMORIAM

To Our Fallen—The Devoted and Departed

Laymen and Laywomen of the Louisiana Annual Conference:

Many of their homes have been passed over by the Death Angel. In his visitation of the laymen and laywomen of the church since the adjournment of the last annual Conference, he has stopped at many doors and called many laymen and laywomen to their eternal reward. Many were fine and devoted leaders in their respective churches; many made invaluable contributions to their homes, families, and to Methodism in general. Therefore, your Conference Lay Leader pauses here, on behalf of the Louisiana Conference Board of Lay Activities, to express our deepest sympathy to all of the bereaved. This is our tribute of respect to the memory of our departed comrades of the Louisiana Conference.

Before we conclude, there is a further dedication to the many fine laymen and laywomen who are present here today, whose devotion and loyalty have made it possible for the Church of Tomorrow to look ahead.

Mr. Chairman, we move that this memorial be made a part of the minutes of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

Yours in Christ,

J. R. Patterson, Conference Lay Leader.

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Sigmund C. Walker, well known educator, scholar, and preacher, began his ministry in the Central Alabama Conference. He served Methodism in the capacity of teacher, director and preacher. His achievements as a Christian leader acquired for him a wealth of friends who will ever cherish the memory of ever having known this Man of God. Rest eternally, kind sir.

Rev. Belezare R. Jackson, veteran pastor, teacher and friend of many who were lost in the darkness of this puzzled world, passed from labor to reward. His more than forty years of service in God's Church is studded with jewels of Godly advice and divine wisdom. Up and down the bayous, on the highways and byways he preached the unsearchable riches of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He has served his God on earth and now he rests.

Rev. John C. Coleman, a minister who left no stone unturned to help his fellowman, passed unto the Vista of Sweet Rest to wait the coming of his many friends. For more than 35 years his tireless efforts helped men to find God. He was a faithful husband, working in harmony with his good wife, who was always ready to serve the cause to which both had dedicated their lives.

CHARTER OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF ORLEANS CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Be It Known, that on this 27th day of the month of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty,

Before Me, William Waller Young, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified, in and for this City and the Parish of Orleans, therein residing, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned.

Personally Came and Appeared: T. E. McElroy, J. C. Bibbons, G. E. Zilton, J. E. Brown, E. J. Wise, D. L. Davidson, C. E. Castin, A. M. Taylor, P. M. Jones, all above the full age of majority and residents of this City, constituting the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, created by an act passed before Gabriel Fernandez, Jr., a Notary Public in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, on January 24, 1911, duly recorded in the Mortgage Office of the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana, in Book 1811, and folio 183, the said appearers acting herein under and by virtue of the resolutions adopted at the meeting of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Shreveport, Louisiana, on the 19th day of May, 1950, a certified copy of the minutes of said meeting being hereunto annexed and made part hereof.

And said appearers declared that at said meeting of the annual conference of said corporation the Articles of Incorporation were amended and re-enacted, as will appear from the aforesaid copy of the minutes of said meeting attached hereto, and that they, said appearers, constituting the Board of Trustees of said corporation, were duly authorized and empowered to cause said amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of said corporation to be embodied in a notarial act.

Now, Therefore, in accordance with said minutes, said appearers, acting in their aforesaid capacity, having appeared before me, Notary, for the purpose of placing said amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of said Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in authentic form by notarial act, do now declare that the Articles of Incorporation of said corporation be and the same are hereby amended and re-enacted so as to hereafter be read as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this coporation shall be the Louisiana Annual Conference of The Methodist Church Central Jurisdiction.

ARTICLE II

Principal Place of Business

Section 1. The principal place of business shall be in the City of New Orleans, in the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall have full power and authority to establish and maintain such other and additional offices and places of business as they may deem necessary and convenient, within the bounds of the Conference, with the majority vote of the members present and voting of the Annual Conference and with the concurrence of the Resident Bishop.

Section 3. The corportion shall have full power and authority to conduct all business at the place where the Annual Conference shall be held, within the Conference.

ARTICLE III

Objects, Purposes and Powers

Section 1. The objects and purposes of this corporation are the promotion of religion, benevolence and learning, in connection and co-operation with The Methodist Church, in accordance with the Discipline of The Methodist Church.

Section 2. This corporation shall have full power and authority to do any and all acts and things necessary, incident or convenient to the furtherance and attainment of its objects and purposes; to receive and acquire by purchase, gift, devise or bequest, absolute, in trust or in any other manner, real and personal property, and to hold, use, invest, re-invest, and to sell, mortgage, pledge, assign and transfer such property, or any interest therein; and to provide for the support of retired ministers, connected with the conference, their widows and dependent children.

Section 3. This corporation, as the successor to the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America shall have and is hereby vested with all of the rights, powers, property, privileges and jurisdiction heretofore vested in the aforesaid corporation, subject to these Articles of Incorporation and the Discipline of The Methodist Church.

Section 4. This corporation shall have and possess all of the rights, powers, privileges, immunities, franchises, and exemptions permitted such corporations under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Louisiana, as now exist or hereafter amended.

Section 5. This corporation shall have the right, power and authority to organize, incorporate, establish, support, govern and control educational, religious hospitals and other charitable and benevolent institutions, and provide for the representation and control of the governing bodies of such organizations and corporations.

Section 6. The power and jurisdiction of this Conference shall extend to and include all of the affairs and property of The Methodist Church, located within the bounds of the Louisiana Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, (Central Jurisdiction), as now or hereafter fixed and defined by the General or the Central Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church.

ARTICLE IV

Management of Control—Board of Trustees

Section 1. The business of this corporation shall be managed, controlled and directed by the regular or duly called sessions of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, by the Resident Bishop, and shall function through the Board of nine (9) trustees, known as the Board of Trustees, which consist of the persons elected to said Board by the Annual Conference, as provided in the Discipline of The Methodist Church, as it shall from time to time be declared and established by the constituted authority, namely the General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Section 2. The election of Trustees shall be so conducted that at all times ministerial members of the Board of Trustees shall be ministers of said conference, and lay members shall be members of The Methodist Church within said conference.

Section 3. The election of Trustees shall be so conducted that three Trustees shall be elected for one year; three Trustees elected for two years, and three Trustees elected for three years, at the Annual Conference each year thereafter three Trustees shall be elected to hold office until their successors have been duly elected and have qualified.

Section 4. The Annual Conference shall also elect each year a Trustee or Trustees to fill any vacancy or vacancies on the Board of

Trustees not within the intendment of the Section of this Article, such Trustee or Trustees to be elected for the unexpired terms of the Trustee whose position is to be filled by such election; but the Board of Trustees shall have the power with the consent of the Resident Bishop, to fill any interim vacancy until the vacancy shall have been filled by action of the Annual Conference.

Section 5. Until the next Annual Conference in 1951, the following shall constitute the Board of Trustees of this corporation, and for the terms set opposite their names:

Name	Address	Term
T. E. McElroy	—724 6th St., Morgan City, La.	3 Years.
J. C. Bibbons	—1023 St. Roch Avenue, New Orleans, La.	3 Years
G. E. Zilton	—4724 Chestnut St., New Orleans, La.	3 Years.
J. E. Brown	—938 Polk St., Mansfield, La.	2 Years
E. J. Wise	—215 Claiborne St., Donaldsonville, La.	2 Years.
D. L. Davidson	—239 Pruitt St., Bastrop, La.	2 Years.
C. E. Castain	—1516 Turner St., Alexandria, La.	1 Year.
A. M. Taylor	—433 Burdette St., New Orleans, La.	1 Year
P. M. Jones	—549 E. St. Peter St., New Iberia, La.	1 Year.

and, T. E. McElroy shall be the President of the Board of Trustees and J. C. Bibbons shall be the Secretary, and G. E. Zilton shall be Treasurer; and they shall hold office until their successors have been duly elected by the Board of Trustees and have qualified;

Section 6. The Board of Trustees shall elect the officers thereof and appoint an Executive Committee composed of five (5) of their number, which committee shall have such powers, and perform such duties as may be from time to time delegated to them by the Board of Trustees, or by the Annual Conference; and the President of the Board of Trustees shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Section 7. The Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee shall meet upon the call of the President or Chairman, respectively, or of any three members thereof, upon not less than three days' notice in writing, or at any time when all members are present and agree to meet and transact business.

Section 8. The Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee shall make full reports of all business transacted by them to each session of the Annual Conference. And the Executive Committee shall report to the Board of Trustees upon request.

Section 9. A quorum for the transaction of business by the Board of Trustees shall consist of five (5) Trustees; and a quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of three (3) members.

Section 10. The Board of Trustees shall have and exercise all powers of governing and managing the affairs of the corporation, subject to the Discipline of the Methodist Church and the will and direction of the Annual Conference.

Section 11. The Board of Trustees shall have the management, government and control of all Abandoned Church property, and of the Permanent Funds of the corporation, which shall consist of all monies and property heretofore acquired by, or hereafter given to, or made payable to the Louisiana Annual Conference, or any that was formerly owned by the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and allocated or assigned to this Corporation by virtue of the action taken in the Uniting of the Churches above mentioned; all notes, gifts, pledges, obligations, devises, and bequests heretofore made to the Annual Conference. The income from the above shall be for the use and purposes set out herein.

ARTICLE V

By-Laws

This corporation shall have the power at any Annual Conference to adopt, amend or repeal By-Laws, rules and regulations for the direction and control of the Board of Trustees and the management of the business of the corporation not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation, the Discipline of the Methodist Church and the laws of the State of Louisiana.

ARTICLE VI

Exemption from Liability

The private property of the members and officers of the corporation shall not be liable for any of the debts or liabilities of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII

Prelatical Control

The title to all property of the member churches within the bounds of this Conference shall be deemed to have been taken and held, and are hereby established as taken and held, in the name of such individual church, in trust for use and benefit of this Annual Conference of the Methodist Church and subject to the Discipline of the Methodist Church and subject to the ministerial appointments as shall from time to time be made by the Resident Bishop. This Louisiana Annual Conference, exercising supervisory authority over every local church within its bounds, does so because of the Prelatical form of government in and through which the Methodist Church operates. By this we mean, that all local church property held in trust by local Boards of Trustees, is subject to the control of the parent body, the Methodist Church. It is understood by all legal authority, that such authority is resident in the General Church, and that the Methodist Church has this Prelatical control, along with the Catholic, the Protestant Episcopal, and the Northern Presbyterian Church bodies, in America.

ARTICLE VIII

Corporate Existence

Section 1. The term for which this corporation shall endure is hereby fixed at ninety-nine (99) years from the date of the filing of the Articles of Incorporation in the office of the Recorder of Orleans Parish, subject to renewal provided by law.

Section 2. The corporation may be sooner dissolved by a three-fourths vote of the members of the Annual Conference, or these Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of the Members of the Annual Conference, and upon compliance with the requirements of the laws of the State of Louisiana, and the Discipline of the Methodist Church.

ARTICLE IX

Discipline

Section 1. The affairs of this corporation, its property, management and administration shall in all respects be subject to the Discipline of the Methodist Church, and the laws of the State of Louisiana, and shall be subject to the doctrines, laws, usages, customs and ministerial appointments of the Methodist Church, as from time to time made and disclosed by the lawful authority of the Methodist Church. All local church property is under control of this corporation and bought in the name of the Methodist Church, is hereby declared to be owned by the Methodist Church even though a local congregation might have been successful in liquidating existing mortgages on the property. The

Trustees obviously hold possession for the use of persons who by the Constitution, usages and laws of the Discipline of the Methodist Church have a right to the use of such property.

It is understood that the Trustees are liable to be moved by the congregation through the Quarterly Conference, for whom they hold this trust, and others may be substituted in their places. They have no personal ownership or right beyond this, and are subject in the official relations to the property to the control of the session of the Quarterly Conference.

Each local church of this annual Conference is but a member of a larger organization under a form of government which subordinates the smaller unit to the final judgment of the larger.

Thus Done and Passed in my Notarial Office in the City of New Orleans, aforesaid, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses who hereunto subscribe their names, together with said appearers, and me, Notary, on the day and date set forth in the caption hereof.

(Original Signed)

T. E. McElroy
 Jeffery C. Bibbons
 G. E. Zilton
 J. E. Brown by W. T. Handy
 E. J. Wise
 D. L. Davidson
 C. E. Castain
 A. M. Taylor
 P. M. Jones

Witnesses:

W. T. Handy
 Harold J. Zeringer

Recorded in Mortgage Office Book 1811, Folio 183, New Orleans, La., October 31, 1950 at 3:25 P.M.

I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original act on file and of record in my office.

New Orleans, La., October 30th, 1950.

W. W. Young, Notary Public

STATE OF LOUISIANA

WADE O. MARTIN, JR.

I, the undersigned Secretary of State, of the State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that a certified copy of charter of the Louisiana Annual Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, a Louisiana non-trading corporation, domiciled at New Orleans, dated the twenty-fourth day of January, 1911, also certified copy of amendment showing that a meeting of the members held on the nineteenth day of May, 1950, a resolution was adopted to amend and re-enact the Articles of Incorporation, and changing the name of the corporation to Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Church Central Jurisdiction the said amendment being by act before a Notary Public in and for the Parish of Orleans, of date the twenty-seventh day of September, 1950 and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Mortgages for the Parish of Orleans, in book 1811 on the first day of October, 1950, has been filed in this office on this the twenty-ninth day of November, 1950 and recorded in book "Record of non-Trading Corporations" No. 20.

Given under my signature, authenticated with the impress of my Seal of office, at the City of Baton Rouge, this 29th day of November, A.D. 1950.

Wade O. Martin, Jr., Secretary of State

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MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

s and Pastors		District Superintendent's Fund	Episcopal Fund	Conference Claimants' Fund	Minimum Salary Fund	Connec-tional Fund	World Service and Conference Benevolences
Paid Associate Minister(s)		Apportioned	Apportioned	Apportioned	Apportioned	General Administration	Apportioned
Total Paid Minister and Associate Minister(s)		Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Jurisdictional Administration	Accepted
Paid Pastor's(s') Travel and Expense Funds						Area, Conf. and Dist. Administration	Paid

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

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SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

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RECAPITULATION

	61	48	63	54	30	355	3350	25	211	254	525	633	383	123	2129	1153	205	220	153	158	36
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BENEVOLENCES

	Advance Fund (For Christ and His Church)	Week of Dedication	Fellowship of Suffering and Service	Conference Advance Specials	W.S.C.S. (Including W.S.G.) Cash Sent to Dist. and Conf. Treasurer	Methodist School Day	Church School Rally Day	Methodist Youth Fund	Race Relations Sunday	2%	Reserve Pension	World Wide Com.	Conf. Communion	Homes for Children	City and District Missionary Societies	All Other Benevolences	Grand Total 42-45, 47c. 48. 49b, 50b, 51b, 52b-55, 56b-57c-74
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STATISTICIAN'S REPORT 1954

CH MEMBERSHIP

Received from Preparatory Membership and on Profession of Faith	Received from Other Denominations	Received by Transfer and Reinstated	Removed by Death	Removed to Other Denominations	Removed by Transfer and Otherwise	Total Full Members—Active	Total Full Members—Inactive

CHURCH SCHOOLS

Church School Membership

Attendance

Officers and Teachers	Children's Division 0-11 Years		Youth Division—12-23 Years	Adult Division 24 Years and Over		Total (Add 16-21 Inclusive)	Average Attendance at Sunday School (All Ages)	Average Attendance Add'l Meetings of Church School			Number of Church Schools on Charge
	Nursery Home Members	Children (Exclude Col. 17)		Adult-Home Members	Adults (Exclude Col. 20)			Children	Youth	Adults	

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

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SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

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RECAPITULATION

4	141	48	65	54	30	355	3350	25	211	254	525	633	383	123	2129	1153		205	220	153	158	36
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CHARGE AND CHURCH	NAME OF PASTOR	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP												CHURCH SCHOOLS												W. S. C. S.		Property and Other Assets														
		Baptism												Church School Membership				Attendance		General Information																						
		Infants Presented by Parents or Guardian	All Others Children, Youth, Adults	Total Full Members Reported Last Year—Active and Inactive	Received from Preparatory Membership and on Profession of Faith	Received from Other Denominations	Received by Transfer and Reinstated	Removed by Death	Removed to Other Denominations	Removed by Transfer and Otherwise	Total Full Members—Active	Total Full Members—Inactive	Officers and Teachers	Nursery Home Members	Children Exclude Col. 17	Adult Division—12-23 Years	Adult Division—24 Years and Over	Average Attendance Add'l Meetings of Church School	Number of Church Schools on Charge	Methodist Pupils and Constituents in Vacation Church Schools	Methodist Pupils and Constituents in Regular Church Schools	Other Sunday School Members Joining the Church on Profession of Faith	Are All Lesson Materials Used Approved by the Methodist Church? Yes, No.	Church School Offering for World Service and Conf. Benevolences	Number of Societies (Not Guilds, Groups, or Circles)	Membership (Including Unaffiliated) Voluntary Service Guild	Amount Paid for Local Work	Number of Subscribers to The Christian Advocate	Number of Preaching Places	Estimated Value of Church Buildings, Equipment, and Land	Estimated Value of Parsonages, Furniture, and Land	Estimated Value of Other Property (Including Cash, Bonds, etc.)	Indeb. on Bldgs., Equipment, Parsonages, Current Expenses									
BATON ROUGE DISTRICT																																										
1 Andrew-Hughes	E. C. Slater	1	1	30	193	2	1	5	4		134	65	1	8	2	11	10	47	35		1	Yes	16	1	150		68	1	\$ 7500 \$	\$	\$											
2 Neely	G. E. Zilston	2	3	3	279						285	1	8	2	11	10	47	35		1	Yes	16	1	150		68	1	\$ 7500 \$	\$	\$												
3 St. Mark	J. D. McCrory	23	3	46	692	17	1	2			507	2	17	41	91	300	21	552	300	30	80	26	19	1	125	315	1	Yes	150	1	142	300	1	40	145	1	10000	7000				
4 Wesley	T. R. Albert	10	8	24	546	18	2			11	6	4	15	22	45	20	18	63	65	15				1	125	30	1	Yes	140	1	123	950	1	75	100	1	40000	6000	17000	11000		
5 Clinton Ct.	A. D. Edwards	5	12	25	223	2					234	2	9	10	15	16	1	58	32					1	125	30	1	Yes	50	1		69				20000	5000					
6 Denham Springs Ct.	Garfield Robinson	3			212	2					1	7	12	30	35	40	8	130	50	40	28	80	24	2	1	38	38	1	Yes					16	2	12000	30000	140				
7 Donaldsonville Ct.	M. McCallum	8	16	20	102		3	3		1	1	3	10	15	12	5	5	54	40	25	15	5	8	2	25	20	1	Yes	25	6		150	25	15	2	3500	7000	400	400			
8 Jordan Chapel	W. C. August	9		53	63		3	2			1	3	72		10	35	16	1	18	85	60			1	1	1	4	Yes					7	1	4000	4000	7450					
9 Lettsworth-New Roads	Irahn McCoy	1	56	7	42		1	2				79	2	9	10	15	2	1	58	32				1	1	1	2	Yes					7	1	4000	4000	7450					
10 Lobdell Ct.	Sam Taylor	1			59		1	1			1	59	13	1	3	31	20	1	80	20				2		36	4	Yes					2	3	2000		300					
11 Maringoulin Ct.	R. M. Harris	1			151	4					16	135	13	6	15	35	1	2	72	40				2	20	10	3	Yes					3	3	5500	3000	250					
12 Norwood Ct.	W. H. Willis	3	15	12	51	20	9	10			1	98	2	6	10	25	17		63	40						17	17	Yes					31	1	1200		2511					
13 Port Allen Ct.	R. M. Brown	1	12	12	33						7	1	18	12	12	12	5	1	190	12				2	5	10	6	Yes	12	3	2	11		3	3	3500	3000		3000			
14 Rosedale-Shiloh	Edgar Smith	3			167	2					1	136	12	10	20	17		82	65	30	10	10	10	3	2	2	6	Yes	12	3	2	11		3	3	2000	2000					
15 St. Landry	J. B. Sanders	1			136	2				3	13	40	80	3	2	1	7	5	15	12				2	2	2	2	Yes					2	2	2000	1000						
16 St. Peter-Mt. Carmel	B. T. Branch	5	6	15	128						128	1	8	5	18	30	4		65	50	20	10	8	2	2	2	2	Yes					2	2	3000							
17 Scottdenville	L. H. P. Norris	1	1	41	283		4	2	2	3	283	3	11	22	75	45	4	23	181	15	5	4	6	2	2	105	2	Yes	67	1	25	115	1	20	36	2	5000	35000	7850	329		
18 Springfield	C. L. Franklin	1			63	7	5	5			80	3	10	1	6	5			22	15				2				Yes					2	2	1700	1000						
19 Zachary	David Lockhart	8	5	20	64	4	3			1		70	1	12	15	20	30		77	50				2				Yes	15	1	20	30		5	2	1000						
20 Bayou Goula					36																							Yes							1	1000						
21 Andrew Ct.	Ephraim Freeman	11		45	50						133	60			10	20	25	5	65	50				2				Yes					15	5	1	1000						
		115	146	334	334	141	48	65	54	30	353	3350	25	211	254	525	633	383	123	219	1153	205	220	153	158	31	506	408	89			20	321	22300	4	160	461	38	\$78150 \$	29077 \$	62550 \$	19077 \$
FRANKLIN DISTRICT																																										
1 Baldwin	King Alexander	3	5	8	57						2	59			3	10	12	14		39	25			1	10		Yes	15	1		\$		3	1	2500	1500		\$				
2 Charenton	J. J. Thomas	11	1	30	184		2				25	158	4	11	18	35	15	30	10	109	60	12	31	23	10	1	100	Yes	10	1	24	75		11	3	23500	800	4000	500			
3 Franklin Ct.	Eddie Carter	6	6	8	8						77	3	1	4	10	15	15	30		4	10						Yes	10					5	1	5000							
4 Hahnville	Walter Barabun	6	6	8	8		3	1	2			77	3	1	4	10	10	15	30		1	2	4				Yes	20	2	30	13		5	2	7000	5000						
5 Jeanerette	V. S. Byoune	12	7	99	160		2	132	5	3		286	3	10	10	186	15		211	75	55	20	35	10	2		Yes	60	2	38	47			2	21000	4000	250	400				
7 Laplace	O. J. D. Rainey	7	4	10	75						7	7	1	5	19	13	12		49	36					1	1	1	Yes					1		1	8000		1000				
8 Lusher Ct.	Max R. Butler	7	5	50	75		2	2	2	2	5	72	1	5	19	13	12		49	36					1	1	1	Yes							2000	3000						
9 Morgan City Ct.	McBroy	6	50	50	112	17	2		4	2		125	1	8	21	49	22		100	45	18	45			2	25	Yes	35	1	15	90	1	3	2	5000	10000						
10 Napoleonville-Baldwin	W. H. Davis	14	4	50	177	5	2		2	2	40	142	1	9	40	28	30	3	5	113	35				2	2	Yes	12	2	18	75		34	2	8000	5000		924				
11 New Iberia	J. F. Johnson	14	5	46	165	2	1			16	4	46	100	2	5	19	2	8	6	4	51	46			12	1	36	Yes	56	1	12	74	1	14	14	1	12000	4000	15000	400		
12 New Iberia	H. J. Ryan	12	5	12	5		1	19			3	3	11	11	22	37	13		133	40							Yes	10		11	15			1	8000	5000						
13 St. Martinville Ct.	E. L. Berry	5	12	4	120	8	4			1	1	134	1	7	3	15	35	5	78	48	10	18	20	6		8	Yes	110	1	20	100	10	7	2	15000	4000		400				
14 St. Peter Ct.	L. A. Williams	17			284					4	1	100	181	12	12	28	24		6	82	45					2	Yes	15					17	2	2	2000	2000		40			
15 Thibodaux Ct.	Blackman Hall	13	3	35	110	2	2	3			46	4	9	35	5	20	2	1	67	35						2	Yes	30	1	15	5	1	13	3	10000	2000		878				
16 Union	Miller Poledore	1	10	21	1						21	1	5	19	4	5	2	1	25	15					1	1	1	Yes	5	1	17	9		7	7	2	2000	400				
17 Woodlawn	P. H. Hayes	20	9	29	104	9	2			9	5	15	86	6	5	5	10	5	2	1	27	15					Yes	1					1	1	8000	2000		40				
		160	64	424	1913	61	27	162	52	19	237	1731	30	107	236	257	411	41	38	1161	572	95	114	90	26	24	171	12		389	15	190	\$ 518	6	44	137	28	\$155000 \$	44300 \$	\$4750 \$	4553 \$	
LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT																																										
1 Alexandria-Newman	W. T. Handy, Jr.	5	5	35	246	6	6	12		3	2	1	264		14	2	33	33	8	26	118	59			1	75	1	Yes	79	1	40	207	1	18	3	1	\$71000 \$	5000	\$2500 \$	14953 \$		
2 Alexandria-Wilton	J. W. Jones	18	2	15	836	12	1				29	233	7	20	15	25	2	3	12	35	20	10	15	1	1	1	Yes	15	1	20	50		3	1	1	16000	5000					
3 Boonville	T. H. Briccett	13	12	26	39						1	6	10	30	30	28			28	20	20	150					Yes	15	1	35			50	10	1	18000	1500		5000			
4 Boyce Ct.	H. Green	21	2	3	91	5	2	16	1		3	117	2	4	21	20	1	2	58	38			15				Yes	5	3				30	3	3	4000	1000					
5 Bunkle Ct.	F. W. Thomas	3	3	29	68	10					2	76	4	6	3	25	18	4	2	58	33	10				2	20	Yes	5	1	10			10	2	6000	6000		1236			
6 Campi Ct.	Kelso Gaines	6	10	15	123	5	2			2	1	132	1	12	15	15	25	1	2	10	30						Yes	15	1	20	40			5	2	6000	3000					
7 Cane River Ct.	James Smith	2	3	3	3						1	139	1	6	18	38	25		7	45	18					2	1	Yes	15	1					5	2	2000					
8 Cheneyville Ct.	Albert Williams	3	1	20	89	1	1	1	10	2		78	1	3	8	15	15	2	3	48	46	20	2			2	Yes	10	1	22	10			5	2	4000	2000		35			
9 Lafayette Ct.	W. D. Martin	15</																																								

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General Information										W. S. C. S.		Property and Other Assets			
Methodist Pupils and Constituents in Vacation Church Schools	Methodist Pupils and Constituents in Weekday Schools	Church School Members Joining the Church on Profession of Faith	Are All Lesson Materials Used Approved by the Methodist Church? Yes. No.	Church School Offering for World Service and Conf. Benevolences	Number of Societies (Not Guilds, Groups, or Circles)	Membership (Including Wesleyan Service Guild)	Amount Paid for Local Work			Number of Subscribers to The Christian Advocate	Number of Preaching Places	Estimated Value of Church Buildings, Equipment, and Land	Estimated Value of Parsonages, Furniture, and Land	Estimated Value of Other Property (Including Cash, Bonds, etc.)	Indebt. on Bldgs., Equipment, Parsonages, and Current Expenses
79	175	8	Yes	30	1	30	50			35	2	\$ 35000	\$ 4000	\$	\$
20			Yes	30	1	35	480			15	2	10000	5000		
20			Yes	20	1					21	2	70000	15000		
20			Yes	40	1					93	1	3000			
20	50	60	Yes	125	1	82	152	1	63	421	1	74800	15000	8800	5000
20			Yes	40	2		62	1	23	31	2	45000	3000	15000	3300
20			Yes				4			16	1	6600			208
10	120	12	Yes	90	2	80	675	32	32	117	1	60000	20000		
10			Yes	17	12		100	1	10	25	1	35000	5000		4650
35		11	Yes		1	25	150	1	16	45	1	35000	6000		
30	35		Yes	60	1	125		1		28	1	4000	2000		
75		2	Yes	44	2	25	60	1	35	30	2	35000	15000	1000	
75	5		Yes	20	1	20		18	20	37	1	25000	8000		
10		2	Yes				15			8	1	20000	5000	15000	11000
40	100	35	Yes	60	1	136	205	1	125	253	1	160000	21000	1500	
40	63	2	Yes	64	1	60	100	1	10	113	1	20000		26000	
10	130	10	Yes	64			68	3	42	57	1	30000	500		2000
25			Yes	50	1	45	100	1	40	60	1	50000	15000		
25			Yes	10			25			13	1	15000			
25	36		Yes		3		24			8	1	13000			
25	80	8	Yes		1	36		1	20	14	2	10000	4000	1800	1200
35		2	Yes	43						40	1	12000	9000		
35		9	Yes	20	1	25		1	27	90	1	50000	10000	5000	
40	25	35	Yes	18	15		70		45	14	1	90000			
70	120	5	Yes	78	1	60	45			60	1	25000	15000		
25	1018	95	115	923	39	784	\$2385	66	541	1703	31	\$ 938600	\$182000	\$ 64100	\$ 72358
53	45	2	Yes		1	39	\$ 168		14	29	1	\$ 21000	\$ 10000	\$ 1500	\$ 3726
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			Yes							4	1	9000			
50			Yes							4	2	5000	1000		540
19			Yes		2	12				9	2	8000	500		
40			Yes		2	47				2	2	13000	6000		900
00			Yes							10	2	5000			
58	187	25	Yes	30	2	48	100			23	2	20000	10000	2000	5000
27			Yes	25						11	2	11000			
56	156	3	Yes	125	1	68	593	1	39	53	1	75000	5000		10840
68		2	Yes	10	2	14	39			2	1	23300	3000		
22			Yes		1	11	45			4	2	5000			
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93	1		Yes		1	10				7	1	5000	2000		
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50			Yes		2	10	250			18	2	15000	5000		238
25			Yes	20						1	1	4000	5000		
24	36	6	Yes	65	1	26	135	1	15	34	1	10000	50000	10800	130000
	55	35	Yes	45	1	79	293	1	30	41	1	50000	9500		
79		6	Yes		2	37	165	1	12	37	2	18000			2500
50		4	Yes							1	1	3500			713
	542	69	49	362	28	481	\$1917	6	126	\$28	38	\$ 373800	\$122500	\$ 21300	\$154907
	506	408	89	607	20	321	\$2330	4	160	461	38	\$ 378150	\$ 29077	\$ 62550	\$ 19077
	171	12		389	15	190	518	6	44	137	28	155000	44300	34750	4553
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	1018	95	115	923	39	784	2335	66	541	173	31	938600	182000	64100	72358
	542	69	49	362	28	481	1917	6	126	323	38	373800	122500	21300	154907
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1 Algiers & Asbury	D. L. Davidson	11	2	15	186	3					12	54	189	3	12	11	31	10	64	55	2	Yes	30		35	2	\$35000	\$4000	\$	\$								
2 Angie Ct.	A. E. Franklin	10	1	75	525	3							524	3	10	20	40	35	3	107	50	1	Yes	30		15	2	\$1000	\$5000	\$	\$							
3 Bogalusa	O. W. Christopher	6	12	25	237	9							246	3	6	24	107	131	55	10	333	88	2	Yes	40	1	35	15000	15000									
4 Brooks Chapel	C. O. Green	8	13	55	388	28	16	1	1	1			494	3	9	162	234	124	15	77	338	154	1	Yes	40	1	1	7000	8800	5000								
5 First St.	T. R. W. Harris	19	6	25	1123	25							1146	10	18	89	224	68	45	77	510	134	1	Yes	125	1	82	15000	15000									
6 Franklinton	L. A. Lester	19	23	3	109	5	11	15	5				196	3	10	11	27	28	24	98	80	76	50	50	1	Yes	60	5	45000	3300	3300	208						
7 Gentilly Mission	S. Barze	3	3	3	21	3							23												1	Yes	16	1	6500									
8 Grace	E. A. Mayes	16	10	22	472	12	6	3	10	2	2		489	4	16	23	65	34	6	15	163	123	12	Yes	90	2	80	20000	20000									
9 Gretna	W. T. Handy, Sr.	2	10	1	1	1							2	1	20	7	6			15	13	22	12	Yes	17	12	25	13500	500		4650							
10 Hartzell	N. F. Williams	12	15	57	132	15	10	23	3				177	4	17	14	65	49	15	151	110	18	15	Yes	11	Yes	150	1	35000									
11 Haven	P. D. Timmons	6	1	20	193	1	1	1	3				192	2	7	25	20		8	60	30		1	Yes	60	1	125	4000	2000									
12 Kenner-Ross	F. M. Jones	8	10	68	197	11	1	4	4				164	10	40	28	20			96	65		2	Yes	44	2	25	35000	15000	1000								
13 LaHarpe	C. H. Hayes	3	15	136	10								151	3	5	18	18	12		14	38		1	Yes	20	1	20	25000	8000		11000							
14 Mandeville	J. L. Wesley	2	15	2	36								38	1	4	1	10	6		4	27	15		2	Yes	8		15	20000	1500								
15 Mt. Zion	R. D. Hill	2	20	60	25	1120	40	44	18	14	7	53	114	6	21	34	274	61	20	28	430	200	20	15	1	Yes	60	1	138	20000	21000	15000						
16 Peck	W. R. London, Jr.	10	3	20	445	10	3	4	14	6	10	432	5	14	21	93	72	18		218	70	40	18	15	1	Yes	64	1	60	10000	4000	1800	1200					
17 Philip Memorial	E. J. Wise	12	20	340	2	1	3	4					340	15	20	238	268	20	17	576	132	12	13	Yes	10	Yes	64	1	60	10000	500	2000						
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20 Shaw Temple	C. D. Small	4	36	69				10	10	50			18	16	10		4	4	44	36	10	4	3	4	Yes	3	Yes	3	24	13000								
21 Sidel	J. Wilson	6	8	6	152	8	1	2	2				159	4	16	39	36	16	118	253	80	34	6	23	6	Yes	3	Yes	1	20	10000	4000	1800	1200				
22 Thompson	J. C. Bibbons	12	15	108									108	14	14	14			16	14	24			1	Yes	84		1	27	8000	12000							
23 Trinity	T. R. Wallace	10	9	24	238	45	1	4					236	3	7	24	39	33	5	6	114	58	11	4	Yes	9	Yes	21	25	10000	10000	5000						
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25 Williams	S. G. Reed	13	12	60	199	16	2	1					214	2	9	60	40	50	34	79	272	95	40	39	38	40	1	Yes	78	1	60	43	60	1	25000	15000		
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2 Bastrop-Mt. Nebo	R. S. Murray	4	22	6	60				1	1	8	59		6	9	22	10		6	52	30	6	10	10	6	1	22		Yes	12	1	8	15		1	4500	1000	1000	450		
3 Beicher	L. C. Jennings	5	6	10	32				1	1	1	34		5	5	10	5	20	36	81	30			1	Yes	1	Yes	1	Yes	12	1	7		1	6	4	1	5000			
4 Bonita	Sandy Facen	5	6	10	32							31		5	5	10	5	20	36	81	30			1	Yes	1	Yes	1	Yes	1	7		1	6	4	1	8000				
5 Grand Bayou	James Sudds	5	6	10	78							73		7	6	15	20			50	30			1	Yes	1	Yes	1	Yes	2	12		9	2	5000	1000		500			
6 Keithville	S. F. Sanford	5	18	14								64		3	1	18	6			8	40	30			1	Yes	2	Yes	2	12		9	2	8000	500						
7 Lake Providence	E. T. Gipson	1	5	8	115	11					18	143	1	10	15	30	20		25	100	40			1	Yes	2	Yes	2	47		9	2	13000	6000			900				
8 Logansport Ct.	J. E. Brown	1	5	7	10	13					1	54	3	17	15	30			84	30			1	Yes	1	Yes	1	Yes				10	2	2000							
9 Mansfield Ct.	J. E. Brown	2	5	7	223					1	5	3	219	2	40	16	53	37	17	44	207	70	10	30	21	38	2	187	25	5	Yes	30	2	48	100	23	2000	10000	200	5000	
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14 Pelican-St. Matthew	Edward Sudds	5	15	44							1	5	9	29		5	8	21	24	11	77	25	5	7	3	2	Yes	1	Yes	1	11	45		4	2	5000					
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16 Robeneau Ct.	H. K. White	2	15	46										6	9	18	6	4	47	27				2	Yes	1	Yes	1	Yes	1	10	3		12	2	12000	3000				
17 Shreveport-Daniel	J. W. Washington	6	17	111										122	3	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	1	Yes	1	Yes	1	Yes	1	10	3		12	2	12000	3000				
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21 Round Grove	B. F. Brown	1	6	10	37	3	1	1	1				61	1	5	15	12	25		37	30			1	Yes	1	Yes	1	Yes	1	6		1	15	34	1	10000	5000	10800	130000	
22 St. James-Shreveport	J. C. Calvin	7	19	10	359	27	12	17	23	4	66	33	1	15	6	39	24	3	52	128	52			6	15	10	25	1	Yes	55	35	4	30	12	1	2000	5000				
23 St. Paul-Shreveport	W. S. P. Norris	3	8	49	207	4	8						156	4	15	10	27	17	14	83	50			6	15	10	25	1	Yes	2	3										
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